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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

BEGUN and held at the City of Washington, in the Territory of Columbia, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and nine, being the Second Session of the Eleventh Congress held under the Constitution of Government of the United States:

On which day, being the day appointed by law for the meeting of Congress, the following members of the House of Representatives appeared, and took their seats, to wit:

From New Hampshire,	Daniel Blaisdell, Nathaniel A. Haven,
From Massachusetts,	Ezekiel Bacon, Richard Cutts, William Ely, Barzillai Gannett, Josiah Quincy, Samuel Taggart, Charles Turner, jun. Jabez Upham, Joseph B. Varnum, *Speaker*, Laban Wheaton.
From Vermont,	William Chamberlin, Martin Chittenden, Jonathan H. Hubbard, Samuel Shaw.
From Rhode Island,	Richard Jackson.
From Connecticut,	Epaphroditus Champion, Samuel W. Dana, John Davenport, Jonathan O. Moseley, Timothy Pitkin, jun. Lewis B. Sturges, Benjamin Tallmadge.
From New York,	James Emott, Jonathan Fisk, Thomas R. Gold, Robert Le Roy Livingston, Peter B. Porter, Erastus Root, Ebenezer Sage, Thomas Sammons, John Thompson, Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

From New Jersey,	Adam Boyd, James Cox, William Helms, Jacob Hufty, Thomas Newbold, Henry Southard.
From Pennsylvania,	William Anderson, David Bard, Robert Brown, William Crawford, Aaron Lyle, William Milnor, John Porter, John Rea, Matthias Richards, John Smilie, George Smith, Samuel Smith, Robert Whitehill.
From Maryland,	Charles Goldsborough, John Montgomery, Nicholas R. Moore, Roger Nelson, Archibald Van Horn.
From Virginia,	Burwell Bassett, James Breckenridge, John Clopton, John Dawson, John W. Eppes, Thomas Gholson, jun. Peterson Goodwyn, John G. Jackson, Joseph Lewis, jun. John Love, Thomas Newton, John T. Roane, John Smith, James Stephenson,
From North Carolina,	Willis Alston, jun. James Cochran, William Kennedy, Nathaniel Macon, Archibald McBryde, Joseph Pearson, Lemuel Sawyer, Richard Stanford.
From South Carolina,	Lemuel J. Alston, William Butler, Joseph Calhoun, Robert Marion, Thomas Moore, John Taylor.
From Georgia,	Howell Cobb, George M. Troup.
From Ohio,	Jeremiah Morrow.
From Kentucky,	Joseph Desha, Benjamin Howard, Richard M. Johnson, Samuel McKee.
From Tennessee,	Pleasant M. Miller, John Rhea, Robert Weakley.

From Mississippi Territory,	George Poindexter.
From Indiana Territory,	Jonathan Jennings.
From Orleans Territory,	Julien Poydras.

Adam Seybert, returned to serve as a member of this House, for the State of Pennsylvania, in the room of Benjamin Say, resigned, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Jonathan Jennings, returned to serve as a delegate from the Territory of Indiana, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

A quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number, being present,

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Ordered, That Mr. Goodwyn and Mr. Root be appointed a committee on the part of this House, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to procure newspapers from any number of offices that the members shall elect, provided the expense do not exceed the amount of three daily newspapers.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Resolved, That, unless otherwise ordered, the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, during the present session, be eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1809.

Several other members, to wit: from New Hampshire, John C. Chamberlain and James Wilson; from Rhode Island, Elisha R. Potter; from Pennsylvania, William Findley and Daniel Heister; from Virginia, Matthew Clay and Jacob Swoope; and from North Carolina, John Stanley; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and ready to proceed to business. They have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with the committee appointed on the part of this House, to inform the President of the United States that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications that he may be pleased to make them. And then he withdrew.

A motion was made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that the House do proceed to the appointment of the standing committees, pursuant to the rules and orders of the House: Whereupon,

Ordered, That a Committee of Elections be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Findley, Mr. Clay, Mr. Sturges, Mr. Troup, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Van Rensselaer, and Mr. Gannett.

Ordered, That a Committee of Claims be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Johnson, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Butler, Mr. R. Brown, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Gholson, and Mr. P. B. Porter.

Ordered, That a Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Newton, Mr. Dana, Mr. Marion, Mr. Cutts, Mr. N. R. Moore, Mr. Sage, and Mr. Seybert.

Ordered, That a Committee of Ways and Means be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Eppes, Mr. W. Alston, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Root.

Ordered, That a Committee on the Public Lands be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Morrow, Mr. Goodwyn, Mr. Ely, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Howard, Mr. Gold, and Mr. Cobb.

Ordered, That a Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Southard, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. R. Jackson.

Ordered, That a Committee for the District of Columbia be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Love, Mr. Van Horn, Mr. L. J. Alston, Mr. Newbold, Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Taggart, and Mr. Haven.

Ordered, That a Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, Mr. Helms, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Desha, Mr. Stanford, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Troup, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Chittenden, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Potter, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. Upham, and Mr. Wilson.

Ordered, That a Committee of Accounts be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Milnor, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Turner.

The Speaker laid before the House a certificate of the election of Adam Seybert, to serve as a member for the State of Pennsylvania, in the room of Benjamin Say, resigned; which was read, and, together with the certificate of the election of Jonathan Jennings, the delegate from the Territory of Indiana, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

The Speaker also laid before the House a memorial of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Indiana Territory, stating that by certain acts of Congress, the number of members composing the Legislature of that Territory was so deranged as to render it necessary to make a new apportionment of members of the said Legislative Council and House of Representatives, which has been done; and praying the sanction of Congress to the apportionment aforesaid.

The said memorial was read, and referred to Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Brackenridge, Mr. Witherspoon, and Mr. Jennings, with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of Thomas Galphin, of the State of South Carolina only surviving partner of the late firm of Galphins, Holmes, and Co. traders with the Creek Indians, and executor of the will of his father, praying that an act may be passed to compel certain persons resident in the Creek nation of Indians, to pay the amount respectively owing by them to the estate of the father of the petitioner and to the firm aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and referred to Mr. Taylor, Mr. Dana, Mr. Sammons, Mr. Crawford, and Mr. Chamberlin, of Vermont, to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the petition of Betsey B. Steele, (late Betsey B. Bealle) and Robert Bealle, presented on the twenty-ninth of November, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Goodwyn, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, reported that the committee had performed the service assigned to them, and that the President signified that he would make a communication, in writing, to the two Houses of Congress, to-morrow at twelve o'clock.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1809.

Several other members, to wit: from New-York, John Nicholson; from Maryland, John Brown; and from Virginia, Walter Jones; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

On motion of Mr. Turner,

Ordered, That the petition of Ezra Weston, presented on the twenty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, and the petition of the selectmen of the town of Scituate, and sundry merchants and underwriters of Boston, in Massachusetts, presented on the twenty-fifth of November, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Quincy presented a petition of the Boston Marine Society, signed by their committee, praying that a sum of money, not exceeding three thousand five hundred dollars, may be appropriated for the erection of a column of stone on a spit of sand near the entrance of the harbor of Boston, for the safety and convenience of vessels entering the said harbor.

The said petition was read, and referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Graham, who delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

The said message was then read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth :

Fellow-citizens of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

At the period of our last meeting I had the satisfaction of communicating an adjustment with one of the principal belligerent nations, highly important in itself, and still more so, as presaging a more extended accommodation. It is with deep concern I am now to inform you, that the favorable prospect has been overclouded, by a refusal of the British Government to abide by the act of its Minister Plenipotentiary, and by its ensuing policy towards the United States, as seen through the communications of the Minister sent to replace him.

Whatever pleas may be urged for a disavowal of engagements formed by diplomatic functionaries, in cases where, by the terms of the engagements, a mutual ratification is reserved ; or where notice at the time may have been given of a departure from instructions ; or in extraordinary cases, essentially violating the principles of equity ; a disavowal could not have been apprehended in a case, where no such notice or violation existed ; where no such ratification was reserved ; and, more especially, where, as is now in proof, an engagement, to be executed without any such ratification, was contemplated by the instructions given, and where it had, with good faith, been carried into immediate execution on the part of the United States.

These considerations not having restrained the British Government from disavowing the arrangement, by virtue of which its Orders in Council were to be revoked, and the event authorizing the renewal of commercial intercourse having thus not taken place, it necessarily became a question, of equal urgency and importance, whether the act prohibiting that intercourse was not to be considered as remaining in legal force. This question being, after due deliberation, determined in the affirmative, a proclamation to that effect was issued. It could not but happen, however, that a return to this state of things, from that which had followed an execution of the arrangement by the United States, would involve difficulties. With a view to diminish these as much as possible, the instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, now laid before you, were transmitted to the collectors of the several ports. If, in permitting British vessels to depart without giving bonds not to proceed to their own ports, it should appear that the tenor of legal authority has not been strictly pursued, it is to be ascribed to the anxious desire which was felt that no individuals should be injured by so unforeseen an occurrence. And I rely on the regard of Congress for the equitable interests of our own citizens, to adopt whatever further provisions may be found requisite for a general remission of penalties involuntarily incurred.

The recall of the disavowed Minister having been followed by the appointment of a successor, hopes were indulged that the new mission would contribute to alleviate the disapointment which had been produced, and to remove the causes which had so long embarrassed the good understanding of the two nations. It could not be doubted, that it would at least be charged with conciliatory explanations of the step which had been taken, and with proposals to be substituted for the rejected arrangement. Reasonable and universal as this expectation was, it also has not been fulfilled. From the first official disclosures of the new Minister, it was found that he had received no authority to enter into explanations relative to either branch of the arrangement disavowed ; nor any authority to substitute proposals as to that branch which concerned the British Orders in Council : And finally, that his proposals with respect to the other branch, the attack on the frigate Chesapeake, were founded on a presumption, repeatedly declared to be inadmissible by the United States, that the first step towards adjustment was due from them ; the proposals at the same time, omitting even a reference to the officer answerable for the murderous aggression, and asserting a claim not less contrary to the British laws, and British practice, than to the principles and obligations of the United States.

The correspondence between the Department of State and this Minister will show how unessentially the features presented in its commencement have been varied in its progress. It will show, also, that, forgetting the respect due to all Governments, he did not refrain from imputations on this, which required that no further communications should be received from him. The necessity of this step will be made known to his Britannic Majesty through the Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States in London. And it would indicate a want of the confidence due to a Government which so well understands and exacts what becomes foreign Ministers near it, not to infer that the misconduct of its own representative will be viewed in the same light, in which it

has been regarded here. The British Government will learn, at the same time, that a ready attention will be given to communications through any channel which may be substituted. It will be happy if the change in this respect should be accompanied by a favorable revision of the unfriendly policy which has been so long pursued towards the United States.

With France, the other belligerent, whose trespasses on our commercial rights have long been the subject of our just remonstrances, the posture of our relations does not correspond with the measures taken on the part of the United States to effect a favorable change. The result of the several communications made to her Government, in pursuance of the authorities vested by Congress in the Executive, is contained in the correspondence of our Minister at Paris, now laid before you.

By some of the other belligerents, although professing just and amicable dispositions, injuries materially affecting our commerce have not been duly controlled or repressed. In these cases, the interpositions deemed proper on our part, have not been omitted. But it well deserves the consideration of the Legislature, how far both the safety and the honor of the American flag may be consulted by adequate provisions against that collusive prostitution of it, by individuals unworthy of the American name, which has so much favored the real or pretended suspicions under which the honest commerce of their fellow-citizens has suffered.

In relation to the Powers on the coast of Barbary nothing has occurred which is not of a nature rather to inspire confidence than distrust, as to the continuance of the existing amity. With our Indian neighbors, the just and benevolent system continued towards them, has also preserved peace, and is more and more advancing habits favorable to their civilization and happiness.

From a statement which will be made by the Secretary of War, it will be seen that the fortifications on our maritime frontier are in many of the ports completed; affording the defence which was contemplated, and that a further time will be required to render complete the works in the harbor of New York, and in some other places. By the enlargement of the works, and the employment of a greater number of hands at the public armories, the supply of small arms, of an improving quality, appears to be annually increasing, at a rate, that with those made on private contract, may be expected to go far towards providing for the public exigency.

The act of Congress providing for the equipment of our vessels of war, having been fully carried into execution, I refer to the statement of the Secretary of the Navy for the information which may be proper on that subject. To that statement is added a view of the transfers of appropriations, authorized by the act of the session preceding the last, and of the grounds on which the transfers were made.

Whatever may be the course of your deliberations on the subject of our military establishments, I should fail in my duty in not recommending to your serious attention, the importance of giving to our militia, the great bulwark of our security, and resource of our power, an organization the best adapted to eventual situations for which the United States ought to be prepared.

The sums which had been previously accumulated in the Treasury, together with the receipts during the year ending on the thirtieth of September last, (and amounting to more than nine millions of dollars) have enabled us to fulfil all our engagements, and to defray the current expenses of Government without recurring to any loan. But the insecurity of our commerce, and the consequent diminution of the public revenue, will probably produce a deficiency in the receipts of the ensuing year, for which, and for other details, I refer to the statements which will be transmitted from the Treasury.

In the state which has been presented, of our affairs with the great parties to a disastrous and protracted war, carried on in a mode equally injurious and unjust to the United States, as a neutral nation, the wisdom of the national Legislature will be again summoned to the important decision of the alternatives before them. That these will be met in a spirit worthy the councils of a nation, conscious both of its rectitude and of its rights, and careful as well of its honor as of its peace, I have an entire confidence. And that the result will be stamped by a unanimity becoming the occasion, and be supported by every portion of our citizens with a patriotism enlightened and invigorated by experience, ought as little to be doubted.

In the midst of the wrongs and vexations experienced from external causes, there is much room for congratulation on the prosperity and happiness flowing from our situation at home. The blessing of health has never been more universal. The fruits of the seasons, though in particular articles and districts short of their usual redundancy, are more than sufficient for our wants and our comforts. The face of our country

every where presents the evidence of laudable enterprise, of extensive capital, and of durable improvement. In a cultivation of the materials, and the extension of useful manufactures, more especially in the general application to household fabrics, we behold a rapid diminution of our dependence on foreign supplies. Nor is it unworthy of reflection, that this revolution in our pursuits and habits, is in no slight degree a consequence of those impolitic and arbitrary edicts by which the contending nations, in endeavoring each of them to obstruct our trade with the other, have so far abridged our means of procuring the productions and manufactures, of which our own are now taking the place.

Recollecting always, that for every advantage which may contribute to distinguish our lot, from that to which others are doomed by the unhappy spirit of the times, we are indebted to that Divine Providence whose goodness has been so remarkably extended to this rising nation, it becomes us to cherish a devout gratitude, and to implore from the same omnipotent source a blessing on the consultations and measures about to be undertaken for the welfare of our beloved country.

JAMES MADISON.

NOVEMBER 29, 1809.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said message, together with the documents accompanying the same, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and that five thousand copies thereof be printed for the use of the members.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1809.

Several other members, to wit: from New Hampshire, William Hale; from Massachusetts, Gideon Gardner and Ezekiel Whitman; and from New York, Vincent Matthews; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Ordered, That the memorial of the merchants and other inhabitants of Falmouth and Fredericksburg, in the State of Virginia, presented on the twenty-sixth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Wheaton presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Dighton, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the post route contemplated to be established between Boston and Taunton may pass through the said town of Dighton.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Root presented a petition of David Goff, of Ulster county, in the State of New York, praying compensation for extraordinary services performed whilst a serjeant in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have resolved that two Chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress for the present session, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to no resolution thereon.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Isaac A. Coles; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Smilie, and seconded,

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, proceed, by ballot, to the election of a Chaplain to Congress, on their part.

On motion of Mr. John Porter,

Ordered, That the petition of Jared Shattuck, by Elliston and John Perot, his attorneys, presented on the twenty-eighth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Root, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to report a bill authorizing members of the Senate and House of Representatives to frank

the President's message and accompanying documents, transmitted to both Houses at the opening of the present session, notwithstanding the same may weigh more than two ounces avoirdupois: *Provided*, That each member so franking shall endorse on the wrapper, in substance, that the enclosure contains the said message and documents, and them only, and subscribe his name to such endorsement.

Mr. Montgomery presented a petition of John Fulton, a refugee from the British province of Nova Scotia, praying for a grant of land or such other compensation as his services and losses in the Revolutionary army may entitle him to receive.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the petition of Edward Turner, of the Mississippi Territory, presented on the ninth of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims; and that the several petitions of Samuel C. Young, of Richard Tervin, and of Matthias Santalistra, all of the Mississippi Territory, presented on the fourteenth of November, and fifteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and eight, and second of June, one thousand eight hundred and nine, together with the report of the Board of Commissioners West of Pearl river, laid before the House on the twenty-seventh of May, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Van Rensselaer presented a petition of Charlotte Hazen, widow of the late General Moses Hazen, deceased, praying for a grant of land as a Canadian refugee, or that an addition may be made to her present pension, in consequence of the services of her said deceased husband in the Revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1809.

Two other members, to wit: from Virginia, Edwin Gray; and from North Carolina, Meshack Franklin; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

On motion of Mr. Macon, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the entry of any vessel in the United States, from any port or place to which a vessel of the United States is not admitted by permanent regulation of the Government owning such port or place, or by treaty.

On motion of Mr. Macon, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the registering anew of vessels built in the United States, which are owned in whole by citizens of the United States; any disabilities incurred by such vessel to the contrary notwithstanding; and also into the expediency of forbidding, by law, sea-letters, or any custom house documents, being granted to vessels not registered or licensed according to law, or not owned by citizens of the United States, within a limited time after the passing of such a law.

Ordered, That the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise, on the said resolutions.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury, transmitting a report in relation to unsettled accounts and balances, prepared in obedience to an act of the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine; which were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Resolved, That, for the benefit of seamen of the United States, it is proper to make provision that registered ships or vessels, after a time to be limited by law, shall not continue to enjoy the benefits and privileges appertaining to ships or vessels of the United States, unless a certain proportion of the mariners on board the same shall be citizens of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Dana,

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, and are as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as respects the relations of the United States with foreign nations, be referred to a select committee.

2. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to a remission of the penalties involuntarily incurred by infractions of the laws prohibiting commercial intercourse with Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

3. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the abuse of the flag of the United States, by collusive prostitutions thereof, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

4. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the Naval Establishment of the United States, be referred to a select committee.

5. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the Military Establishment of the United States, be referred to a select committee.

6. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the organization of the militia of the United States, be referred to a select committee.

7. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the finances of the United States, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

8. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the fortifications of the ports and harbors of the United States, be referred to a select committee.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolutions, and the same being again read, were, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Macon, Mr. Findley, Mr. John G. Jackson, Mr. Moseley, Mr. Taylor, Mr. William Chamberlin, Mr. Fisk, Mr. M'Kee, and Mr. Gannett, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the first resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Bassett, Mr. Quincy, Mr. John Brown, Mr. Sawyer, Mr. Milnor, Mr. Crist, and Mr. John C. Chamberlain, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the fourth resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Nelson, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Champion, Mr. Cox, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Wheaton, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the fifth resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Clay, Mr. Butler, Mr. Rea, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Weakley, Mr. Hale, and Mr. Turner, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the sixth resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Clopton, Mr. John Porter, Mr. Emott, Mr. M'Kim, Mr. Gardner, Mr. M'Bryde, and Mr. Witherspoon, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the eighth resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of confirming the right of the city of New Orleans to the commons of the said city, and including the ground occupied by the fortifications of the same; and, also, of vesting in the said city, or in the Territory of Orleans, the public and vacant lots of ground within the city aforesaid, on such conditions as may tend to the improvement and health of the city.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, to consider and report thereon to the House.

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress on their part; and, upon examining the ballots, it appeared that the whole number of ballots were one hundred and two; that thirty-nine were given for Jesse Lee, thirty-two for Obadiah B. Brown, and thirty-one for James Laurie. No person having a majority of the whole number, the House proceeded to a second ballot, when it also appeared that no choice was made, Jesse Lee having thirty-nine votes, Obadiah B. Brown thirty-one, and James Laurie thirty. The House then proceeded to a third ballot, when it again appeared that no choice was made, Jesse Lee having forty-three votes, Obadiah B. Brown thirty-five, and James Laurie twenty-two. The House again proceeded to ballot, and, on examination of the ballots, it appeared that the whole number given in were ninety-four; that forty-nine votes, being a majority of the whole number given,

were found in favor of Jesse Lee, for Obadiah B. Brown forty-two, and for James Laurie three.

Mr. Lee was therefore declared duly elected.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of allowing the citizens of Madison county, in the Mississippi Territory, a Representative in the General Assembly of said Territory.

Ordered, That Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Troup, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Bard, and Mr. Pearson, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Troup, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before the House of Representatives any information he may have touching any settlement, contrary to law, on the public lands of the United States, in the county of Madison, in the Mississippi Territory: by whom, to what extent, and what measures have been taken for their removal.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of a Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, and Mr. Condit has been chosen of the said committee, on their part. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Smilie, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders as are proper to be observed in this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Macon, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, Mr. Southard, and Mr. Shaw, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Smilie,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution from the Senate for the appointment of a Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills; and the same being read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Crawford and Mr. Roane be appointed of the said committee on the part of this House.

Mr. Morrow presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Jefferson county, State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying for the establishment of a post route from Pittsburgh, in Pennsylvania, to Cambridge, in Ohio.

Mr. Morrow also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Tuscarawas county, State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying for the establishment of a post route from Gnadenhutten, by New Philadelphia, to Canton; and that the present post route from Zanesville to Gnadenhutten may not be discontinued.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Morrow,

Ordered, That the petition of John M'Intire, and the petition of John Armstrong, attorney for the heirs of Richard Macarty, deceased, presented on the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand eight hundred and eight, and first of June, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Morrow presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating, that in consequence of the restrictions under which the commerce of the United States at present labors, they are unable to complete their payments for lands purchased from the United States; and praying such revision and amendment of the laws providing for the sale of the public lands as is therein expressed. Also, expressing their "unequivocal and entire approbation of the administration of the General Government."

The said petition was read, and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

A motion was made by Mr. Montgomery, and seconded, that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union be discharged from the farther consideration of the message from the President of the United States, and the accompanying documents:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Desha,

Ordered, That the petition of John N. Stout, presented on the ninth of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1809.

Several other members, to wit: from Maryland, Alexander M'Kim; from North Carolina, Thomas Kenan; from South Carolina, Robert Witherspoon; from Kentucky, Henry Crist; and from Georgia, William W. Bibb; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

Mr. Cox presented a petition of Joseph Bishop, of the State of New Jersey, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of a wound received while in the service of the public, during the Revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Montgomery presented a petition of Thomas Ayres, Benjamin Reynolds, William Fulton, and Robert Sharp, refugees from the British province of Nova Scotia, respectively praying compensation for losses sustained and services rendered by them during the Revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Eppes presented a memorial of Thomas Randolph, of the Territory of Indiana, stating that the election and return of Jonathan Jennings, as the delegate in Congress for the said territory, is illegal, and praying that the seat of the said Jonathan Jennings may be declared vacant.

The said memorial was read, and referred to the Committee of Elections.

Mr. Dawson presented a petition of Anthony Buck, of Fredericksburg, in the State of Virginia, praying for the reasons therein mentioned, to be exonerated from the payment of a bond given by a certain Captain Stuart, to prevent a violation of the laws laying and executing an embargo within the United States, to which bond the petitioner is a security.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

Mr. Findley presented a petition of Moses Young, praying that Congress will consider, and ultimately decide on his several petitions heretofore presented to the House, for amount of salary due him as Secretary of Legation to Henry Laurens, on an embassy to Holland, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Whitehill presented a petition of sundry distillers and other citizens of the United States, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the importation of foreign spirits distilled from grain, may be wholly prohibited, and that additional duties may be imposed on the importation of foreign spirits distilled from other materials.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Josiah H. Webb, praying such annual allowance as may be deemed adequate for his support, in consequence of a wound received from an unknown hand, while employed as a post rider in conveying the United States' mail between Athens and New Orleans, which has rendered him incapable of labor.

The said petition was read, and referred to Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Swoope, and Mr. Hubbard, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A motion was made by Mr. Sawyer, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a standing committee be appointed, to be called "The Committee of Manufactures," whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all such petitions, matters, and things, touching the manufactures, as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House, and to report, from time to time, their opinion thereon.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Troup, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to authorize the President, by law, to instruct the commanders of the armed vessels of the United States to stop and bring into the ports

of the same all ships or vessels, with their cargoes, the property of the subjects of the King of Great Britain, and of the Emperor of France, bound to other ports than those within the colonies or dominions of either.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient further to authorize, by law, the detention of all ships or vessels, with their cargoes, the property of the subjects of the King of Great Britain, until the duties to be regulated and ascertained by law, shall be first levied and collected upon the goods and merchandise, whereof the said ships or vessels shall be laden, according to the rate or tariff therein prescribed, and until the said ships or vessels shall have received due license to depart.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient further to authorize, by law, the detention of all ships or vessels, with their cargoes, the property of the subjects of the Emperor of France, brought within the ports of the United States, there to abide the final decision or order of the Government, in relation to the same.

4. *Resolved*, That an ad valorem duty of —— be levied and collected on all goods, wares, and merchandise, of British product or manufacture.

5. *Resolved*, That it is expedient further to authorize the President, on payment of the duties authorized to be levied and collected on the goods laden on board vessels the property of the subjects of the King of Great Britain, forthwith to grant a license to such vessels to depart, and to proceed to the port of original destination, without further hindrance or molestation.

The said resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Seybert,

Ordered, That the petition of John Mullowny, of the city of Philadelphia, presented on the seventeenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Smith,

Ordered, That the petition of Nathaniel Irish, and the petition of John M'Coy, presented on the thirteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, and fifteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Gardner,

Ordered, That the petition of Tristram Hussey, presented on the sixth of February, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the petition of John Baker, of the Mississippi Territory, presented on the tenth of February one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Joseph Willson, of the Mississippi Territory, praying for permission to record in the office, a certificate of pre-emption right to a certain tract of land in the said Territory, granted him by the Land Commissioners East of Pearl river.

Mr. Poindexter also presented a petition of John Steele and Roger Dixon, of the Mississippi Territory, executors of the last will and testament of Polser Shilling, deceased, praying that the devisees of the said deceased may be confirmed in their title to a certain tract of land which was the property of the said Shilling at his death, lying on Fair Childs Creek in said Territory.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

A motion was made by Mr. Nicholas, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That provision be made by law for a general national establishment of banks throughout the United States, and that the profits arising from the same, together with such surplusses of revenue as may accrue, be appropriated for the "general welfare" in the construction of public roads and canals, and the establishment of seminaries for education throughout the United States.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Fisk, and seconded,

Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, for taking the third census of the inhabitants of the United States.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Fisk, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Bibb, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Whitman, do prepare and bring in the same.

An engrossed bill to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1809.

Two other members, to wit: from Maryland, John Campbell; and from Georgia, Dennis Smelt; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

On motion of Mr. Gold,

Ordered, That the petition of Elizabeth Hamilton, presented on the thirtieth of May last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Troup presented a petition of Samuel Mims, of the Mississippi Territory, praying to be confirmed in his title to two tracts of land lying on the East side side of Tombigbee river, in said Territory.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I now transmit a report of the Secretary of the Navy, containing statements from that Department, referred to in my message of the twenty-ninth ultimo.

JAMES MADISON.

DECEMBER 4, 1809.

Ordered, That the said message, and documents which accompany the same, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Ordered, That the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting two statements of the importations in American and foreign vessels, commencing the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and six, and ending the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Desha, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Kanhawa Court House, in the State of Virginia, by the mouth of Big Sandy, Greenup Court House, Lewis Court House, to Flemingsburg, in the State of Kentucky.

Mr. Quincy presented a petition of Susannah Fowle, widow of Ebenezer Smith Fowle, deceased, late a lieutenant of artillery in the army of the United States, praying that such provision may be made as will be adequate for her future maintenance and support, in consequence of the services of her said deceased husband, who died in the service of the public.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bard presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Centre county, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying for the establishment of a post road from Lewistown to Bellefonte, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee appointed on the twenty-eighth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill supplemental to an act, entitled "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A motion was made by Mr. M'Kim, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting, by law, vessels owned by citizens of the United States from trading under the license or permission of any foreign Prince or State, to any port or place, not under the dominion of such foreign Prince or State; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That the said resolution do lie on the table.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Alleghany county, State of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying for the establishment of a post route from Cumberland, in said county, to Union town, in the State of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Gardner,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry merchants of the Island of Nantucket, State of Massachusetts, presented on the ninth of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Dawson presented a petition of William C. Webb, of Orange county, Virginia, praying compensation for supplies furnished the Southern army, during the Revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the petition of Alexander Baillie, of the Mississippi Territory, presented on the sixth of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Gray, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Livingston, and Mr. Blaisdell, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1809.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted yesterday by Mr. M'Kim, and the same being modified, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House, to read as followeth:

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting, by law, vessels owned by citizens of the United States from trading under the license or permission of any foreign Prince or State, to any port or place not under the dominion of such foreign Prince or State; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Findley presented a petition of Joseph Joshua Dyster, praying that an act may be passed to authorize the Secretary of State immediately to grant him the patent right to a new principle for erecting iron bridges, which patent right cannot as yet be vested in the petitioner, because, as he states, he is not a citizen of the United States.

The said petition was read, and referred to Mr. Findley, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Knicker backer, Mr. Franklin, and Mr. Blaisdell, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the district East of Pearl river, in the Mississippi Territory, presented on the twelfth of June last, be referred to Mr. Miller, Mr. Bibb, Mr. Quincy, Mr. Breckenridge, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Campbell, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed the Reverend Mr. Brown to be a Chaplain to Congress, on their part, during the present session. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Love,

Ordered, That the petition of the President and Directors of the Potomac Company, presented on the second of June last, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Upham,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the States of Massachusetts and Connecticut, presented on the seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be discharged from the consideration of the message of the President of the United States and the documents accompanying the same, received yesterday; and that the said message and documents be referred to the Committee on the Naval Establishment of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Jonesborough, in the State of Tennessee, by Elizabethtown to Ash Court House, in the State of North Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Gold,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing, by law, a post route from the town of Otsego, in the county of Otsego, to pass directly through the intermediate towns to the village of Utica, in the county of Oneida.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplemental to an act, entitled "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of the committee of the Baptist church at Salem Meeting House, in the Mississippi Territory, praying that the pre-emption right to a small piece of land upon which they have erected their said meeting house, may be secured to the said church.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, for the relief of the infirm, disable, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary army, and of the present army of the United States, and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Nelson, Mr. Hufty, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Clay, and Mr. Desha, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Whitman presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Portland, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subcribed stating the great inconveniences and disadvantages experienced from the want of an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, and praying that Congress will take the subject into consideration, and enact such laws in relation thereto as may appear necessary and proper.

The said petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Whitman, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House such information as he may have received, and may deem proper to be communicated, respecting seizures, captures, and condemnations, of the ships and merchandise of the citizens of the United States, under the authority of the Government of Denmark and its dependencies.

A motion was made by Mr. Newton, and seconded, to amend the same, by inserting, after the word "Denmark," the words, "Great Britain and France;" and by striking out the word "its," and inserting the word "their:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Bassett, and seconded, further to amend the said resolution by adding, to the end thereof, the words, "not heretofore communicated to Congress:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question to agree to the same, as amended, was then taken,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Whitman and Mr. Kenan be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Morrow,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the time for issuing and locating United States' military land warrants, and also, the propriety of extending the time for completing the locations of land warrants in the Virginia Military Tract, and that the committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

Ordered, That the petition of John B. Sarazin, and others, and the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Marcus Hook, State of Pennsylvania, presented on the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth of May last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Goodwyn,

Ordered, That the petition of Benjamin Edwards, of Petersburg, State of Virginia,

presented on the twenty-second of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1809.

Another member, to wit: from New York, Uri Tracy, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Ordered, That three petitions of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, State of Maryland, presented on the nineteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, the twenty-sixth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and the twenty-seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. John C. Chamberlain,

Ordered, That the petition of Lyman Spalding, presented on the twenty-third of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Ordered, That the petition of Peter Charles L'Enfant, of the City of Washington, presented on the third of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom were referred on the thirtieth ultimo, and fourth instant, the petitions of Charlotte Hazen, of John Fulton, and of Thomas Ayres, Benjamin Reynolds, William Fulton, and Robert Sharp, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," approved on the seventh of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, ought to be revived and continued in force for a limited time: *Provided*, That no claimant under said act, shall be entitled to receive a grant for any such lands until he produces satisfactory evidence that he is a resident within the United States.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee on the Public Lands do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Gholson,

Ordered, That the petition of John Nelson, presented on the eleventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Van Rensselaer presented a petition of Jacob Mancius, of the State of New York, and Jane Ann Mancius, his wife, only child of William Barber, deceased, late a Major in the Revolutionary army, praying to be allowed the commutation of half pay, due for the services of the deceased, in the capacity aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Van Rensselaer,

Ordered, That the petition of Andries Van Patten, of the State of New York, presented on the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Hyde county, State of North Carolina, presented on the nineteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

An engrossed bill supplemental to an act, entitled "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes;" was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Seybert, and seconded,

Resolved, That the report made by the Secretary of the Treasury, to the House of Representatives, on the fifth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, on the subject of manufactures, be printed for the use of the members of Congress.

On motion of Mr. Gholson,

Ordered, That the petition of Amy Dardin, of the State of Virginia, presented on the twenty-seventh of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to

Mr. Gholson, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Heister, Mr. Hubbard, and Mr. Blaisdell, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Root, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the city of Albany, to the town of Denham, in the State of New York.

On motion of Mr. Goodwyn,

Ordered, That the petition of Archibald Thweatt, and the petition of Thomas Wilcox, presented on the second and fifteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment; and the same being read at the Clerk's table, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Poydras presented a representation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens, of the city of New Orleans, containing a statement of facts and an exposition of the title of the United States to the parcel of ground called the Batture in front of the suburb St. Mary, and adjoining to the said city of New Orleans.

Mr. Poydras also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of New Orleans, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the title to the Batture aforesaid may be retained in the United States, and that it may remain open and unbuilt upon forever, and be used as a common, for the convenience and benefit of the public in general.

Ordered, That the said representation and petition be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of extending jurisdiction to the Superior Courts of the several Territories of the United States, in which a District Court has not been established, for the trial of treason and other offences against the laws of the United States, committed within the limits of said Territories, and to empower said Courts to pronounce such judgments, or sentence, on conviction of the offender or offenders, as the law directs; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Bibb, Mr. Breckenridge, Mr. Richards, and Mr. Sturges, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Bacon, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the committee appointed to report on the rules and orders necessary for the government of the House, do report a rule declaring, "that, if any member in the course of debate shall make use of opprobrious or reviling language with respect to any other member, or call into question the integrity of his motives, or those of either Branch of the Government, in relation to the discharge of their official duties, except on a motion for impeachment, or for other interposition of the constitutional powers of this House, or apply to either indecorous or reproachful expressions, it shall be deemed a breach of the orders of the House."

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed further to report a rule declaring, "that, if any person during the session of Congress, whether a member of the House or not, shall give or send to any other member during his actual attendance at the Seat of Government, a challenge to fight a duel, or if the member so challenged shall accept the same, it shall be deemed a breach of the privileges of the House, as well on the part of such members, as on that of any other person, whether a member or not, who shall be aiding, abetting, or assisting, in giving or sending such challenge, or in carrying the same into effect; and every such member shall be held liable to be expelled from the House therefor."

Resolved, That said committee be further instructed to report a rule declaring, "that, if any person during the session of Congress, whether a member of the House or not, shall commit personal violence upon, or assault any member during his actual attendance at the Seat of Government, it shall be deemed a breach of the privileges of the House, as well on the part of the person so assaulting, as on that of any other person who shall be aiding, abetting, or assisting therein; and such person, if a member, shall be held liable to be punished therefor, at the discretion of the House."

The said resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Van Horn, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the exportation from ports or places under the jurisdiction of the United States, of any article the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the United States, except in ships or vessels owned and wholly navigated by citizens of the United States.

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the exportation from ports or places under the jurisdiction of the United States, in ships or vessels belonging to the United States, of any article which is not of the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the United States.

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of laying an additional discriminating duty in favor of ships and vessels owned and wholly navigated by citizens of the United States.

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting American ships and vessels from carrying articles the growth, produce, or manufacture, of any foreign country, from one foreign port or place to another foreign port or place.

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of modifying or repealing the laws allowing drawback.

The said resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1809.

Two other members, to wit: from Maryland, Philip B. Key, and from Virginia, Daniel Sheffey, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his annual report of the state of the finances of the United States, prepared in obedience to "An act to establish the Treasury Department;" which were read, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the transportation of certain documents free of postage," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Goodwyn,

Ordered, That the petition of John and William Bell, presented on the twenty-fourth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee o Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Fisk, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Danbury, in the State of Connecticut, to Fishkill Landing, in the State of New York; and from Newburgh to Chenango Point, at the mouth of Chenango river, in the State of New York.

On motion of Mr. Upham,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Lincoln county, State of Massachusetts, presented on the twenty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Helms presented a petition of Harry Caldwell, of the town of Jersey, State of New Jersey, and Amasa Jackson, of the city of New York, merchants, trading under the firm of Harry Caldwell and Company, stating, that, during the last Summer, their brig called the Joseph Ricketson, brought into the port of New Orleans three French families with their negro slaves, who had been forcibly expelled from the island of Cuba, which has subjected the said brig to condemnation for a violation of an act which prohibits the importation of slaves into the United States and their Territories; and praying such relief in the premises as shall appear just and proper.

The said petition was read, and referred to Mr. Helms, Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Smelt, Mr. Kenan, and Mr. Richard Jackson, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough,

Ordered, That the petition of John Murray, presented on the fourth of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Love,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Washington, presented on the twenty-sixth of May, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the circumstances attending the occurrence alluded to in the letter of Mr. I. A. Coles to the Speaker of this House; that the said committee be instructed to report a statement of the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Taylor, Mr. Goodwyn, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Taggart, and Mr. Matthews, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Taylor,

Ordered, That the letter from I. A. Coles to the Speaker, laid before the House on the thirtieth ultimo, be referred to the committee last mentioned.

A motion was made by Mr. Sawyer, and seconded, that the House do proceed to the consideration of a resolution proposed by him on the fourth instant, for the appointment of a standing Committee on Manufactures:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Fisk, and seconded,

Ordered, That, when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

A motion was again made by Mr. Sawyer, and seconded, that the House do now proceed to the consideration of the resolution last mentioned:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1809.

Several other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, William Stedman and Edward St. Loe Livermore; from New York, Barent Gardenier; and from Pennsylvania, John Ross; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Wilson C. Nicholas, resigning his seat as one of the members of the House, for the State of Virginia.

The said letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Southard presented a petition of the associates of the Jersey Company, by Amasa Jackson, their President, praying that the town of Jersey, in the State of New Jersey, may be established as a port of entry.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of William Rector and Elias Rector, praying that an act may be passed authorizing the Surveyor General of the United States to allow and pay them for their services as surveyors under the direction of the Board of Land Commissioners, in the district of Kaskaskia, the sum of three dollars per mile for the lines that bound each and every survey separately, which they have, or hereafter may survey under the authority aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Bacon, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed for the purpose of inquiring whether any, and what, alterations or amendments are necessary to be made in the act, entitled "An act to promote the progress of useful arts, and to repeal the act heretofore made for that purpose;" and that said committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Bacon, Mr. Kenan, Mr. Gold, Mr. Breckenridge, and Mr. Seybert, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Morrow presented a petition of Chloe Strong, of the State of Ohio, widow of David Strong, deceased, late a Colonel in the army of the United States, praying re-

lief in consequence of her indigent circumstances, and of the services rendered and losses and injuries sustained by the deceased, whilst in the army aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill to revive an act, entitled "An act for the relief of the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Sammons,

Ordered, That the memorial of Josiah Throop, of the State of New York, presented on the third of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Potter,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, presented on the fourth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the relief contained in the provisions of the act, entitled "An act for the remission of certain penalties and forfeitures, and for other purposes," passed the twenty-eighth of June, one thousand eight hundred and nine, to cases where the introduction into the United States of slaves forcibly expelled from the island of Cuba, with the French inhabitants thereof, has been from places other than the island of Cuba;" and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Quincy,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Hollis Condy, of the State of Rhode Island, presented on the first of June, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Whitman, from the committee appointed, on the sixth instant, to present to the President of the United States a resolution of the same date, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed the service assigned to them, and that the President signified that the information requested should be communicated as soon as it could be prepared by the proper Department.

On motion of Mr. Bacon and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted by him on the seventh instant, in relation to indecorous language in debate, and to the practice of duelling: When,

The second and third of the said resolutions were modified by the mover to read as follow:

Resolved, That said committee be instructed further to report a rule, declaring, "that if, during the session of Congress, any member of the House shall give or send, to any other member during his actual attendance at the seat of Government, a challenge to fight a duel, or if the member so challenged shall accept the same, it shall be deemed a breach of the privileges of the House, as well on the part of such members, as on that of any other member who shall be aiding, abetting, or assisting, in giving or sending such challenge, or in carrying the same into effect; and every such member shall be held liable to be expelled from the House therefor."

Resolved, That said committee be further instructed to report a rule, declaring, "that if, during the session of Congress, any member of the House shall commit personal violence upon, or assault any other member during his actual attendance at the seat of Government, it shall be deemed a breach of the privileges of the House, as well on the part of the member so assaulting, as on that of any other member who shall be aiding, abetting, or assisting therein; and such member shall be held liable to be punished therefor, at the discretion of the House."

The said resolutions, as modified, were then read at the Clerk's table, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the ninth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage."

On motion of Mr. Seybert,

Ordered, That the petition of Ludwig Kuhn, of Philadelphia, presented on the sixth

of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A motion was made by Mr. Sheffey, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law to authorize the President of the United States to cause the several persons who were removed from the Batture, in front of the suburb St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans, on the twenty-fifth of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, to be restored to the possession thereof; to be held with the same right with which they respectively held the same, prior to such removal; any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the President of the United States, if he shall be of opinion that the United States have such a claim to the Batture, in front of the suburb of St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans, as will justify the expense of prosecuting the same, with the assent of the persons removed therefrom, on the twenty-fifth of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, to name three persons, who shall have full power to hear, and finally, determine, all right, title, claim, and demand, whatsoever, as well of the United States, as of the persons so removed, both in law and equity; and their decision, or a majority of them, shall be binding, as well on the United States, as the said parties.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the President of the United States, if he shall deem it most proper, to compromise the conflicting claims of the United States and the persons removed from the Batture of the suburb of St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans, or cause the same to be tried in a Court of the United States, in such manner, and at such place, as will secure an impartial trial.

The said resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the act passed at the second session of the Tenth Congress, entitled "An act to prevent settlements being made on the lands ceded to the United States, until authorized by law," ought to be repealed.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Goodwyn, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Hicksford, in the State of Virginia, by Lawrence Smith's store, to Murfreesborough, in North Carolina.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution in the form of a concurrent resolution, respecting our foreign relations; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said resolution was read the first and second time, and referred to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

A motion was made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House a copy of the paper purporting to be a circular letter from Mr. Jackson to the British Consuls in the United States, referred to in the letter of the Secretary of State to Mr. Pinkney, communicated in his message of the twenty-ninth of November; and, also, a copy of the printed paper purporting to be a copy of the despatch from Mr. Canning to Mr. Erskine, referred to in the letter of the Secretary of State to Mr. Erskine, communicated in the said message.

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Eppes, and the same being seconded,

The question was stated, that the House do agree to the first member of the said resolution contained within the same, down to the word "November," inclusive:

And the same being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then taken that the House do agree to the second and last member of the said resolution, contained from the words "And also," to the end thereof,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then stated that the House do agree to the whole of the said resolution, as before recited:

And the same being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 69, Nays ... . 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Howell Cobb,
Henry Crist,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Barent Gardenier,
Gideon Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Ross,
Thomas Sammons,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jr.
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
William Crawford,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
William Helms,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,

Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

Ordered, That Mr. Quincy and Mr. Dana be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1809.

Another member, to wit: from Massachusetts, Ebenezer Seaver, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual statement of the district tonnage of the United States, on the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and eight; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his report, prepared in obedience to "An act regulating the currency of foreign coins in the United States," passed the tenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Marion,

Ordered, That the petition of the Inspectors of the Customs for the port of Charleston, State of South Carolina, presented on the sixth of June, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Findley presented a petition of Elizabeth Scott, widow of Joseph Scott, deceased, late of Allegany county, State of Pennsylvania, and William Scott, only son and heir of the said deceased, praying that the accounts of the said Joseph Scott, for ferriage of the army of the United States across the Monongahela river, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, may be liquidated and settled, and the amount paid to them.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of Philip Glum, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consequence of wounds received whilst a soldier in the Revolutionary army.

The said petitions were read, and severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. M'Kee,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Knox county, in the State of Kentucky, presented on the twenty-seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Love,

Ordered, That the petition of David Blackwell, presented on the twelfth of June, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the same committee.

An engrossed bill extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Chittenden,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Middlebury, in the State of Vermont, and the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Rutland, in the State of Vermont, presented on the seventeenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, and thirty-first of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Blaisdell, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instrected to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the town of Hanover, in the State of New Hampshire, to the town of Plymouth, in said State, through the towns of Canaan, Dorchester, Grotton, and Hebron.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Ordered, That the petition of William Wedderburn, presented on the ninth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Shaw presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Canaan, in the State of Vermont, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying the establishment

of a post route from Guildhall, through Northumberland, Stratford, Cockburn, Colebrook, and Stewarts town, the Canada line, and to return through Canaan, Lemington, Minehead, Brunswick, and Maidstone.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The House proceeded to consider a resolution proposed by Mr. Sawyer, on the fourth instant, for the establishment of a Standing Committee on Manufactures; and the same being read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes,'" with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment; and the same being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Jennings presented a petition of Joab Garrett, of the Indiana Territory, stating that, by an error of the Clerk of the Register of the Land Office at Vincennes, he finds himself in possession of a piece of land different from that which he intended to have purchased, and on which he has made improvements; and praying such relief in the premises as shall appear just and proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Jennings also presented three petitions of sundry inhabitants of the Indiana Territory, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively praying that the right of suffrage may be extended to every free white male inhabitant in said Territory, who shall have attained to the age of twenty-one years, and shall have paid a county or Territorial tax, or shall have performed militia duty; and that the people may be enabled to choose their own officers, both civil and military.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Jennings, Mr. Stedman, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Sheffey, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

The order of the day was farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1809.

Mr. Quincy, from the committee appointed, on the eleventh instant, to present to the President of the United States a resolution of the same date, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President expressed his disposition to comply with the request of the House, as far as it should be practicable.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eleventh instant, the petition of William and Elias Rector, made a report thereon; which was read at the Clerk's table, and the resolution therein contained, agreed to by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

A motion was made by Mr. Gold, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House, such information contained in any despatch from the American Minister in London, relative to the instructions of Mr. Canning to Mr. Erskine of the twenty-third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine, and relative to any communications and conversations between the American Minister and Mr. Canning, antecedent or subsequent thereto, on the same subject, as may not, in the opinion of the President, be improper to be communicated:

And on the question that the House do agree to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 85, / Nays ..... 36.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Henry Crist,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
John Dawson,
William Ely,
James Emott,
John W. Eppes,
Barent Gardenier,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jr.
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Roger Nelson,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jr.
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
William Helms,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

Ordered, That Mr. Gold and Mr. Key be appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President of the United States.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to extend certain privileges therein mentioned to Joseph Joshua Dyster;" also, a bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the State of Maryland, to the State of Ohio;" to which bills they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Love presented a petition of the Board of Trustees of the Institution for the Education of Youth, in the city of Washington, signed by Samuel H. Smith, and others, their committee, praying that an act of incorporation may be passed, for the establishment of a college in the said city.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert Elwell, presented on the nineteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes,'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing his annual statement of the amount of duties and drawbacks on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into, and exported from, the United States, during the years one thousand eight hundred and six, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and one thousand eight hundred and eight; which were read, and referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend certain privileges therein mentioned to Joseph Joshua Dyster," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to Mr. Findley, Mr. Seaver, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Stanley, to consider and report thereon to the House.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the State of Maryland, to the State of Ohio," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and referred to Mr. Morrow, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Gardenier, to consider and report thereon to the House.

On motion of Mr. Eppes,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Virginia, presented on the eleventh of November, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions proposed by Mr. Van Horn, on the seventh instant, and the same being read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

1. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the exportation from ports or places under the jurisdiction of the United States, of any article, the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the United States, except in ships or vessels owned and wholly navigated by citizens of the United States.

2. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the exportation from ports or places under the jurisdiction of the United States, in ships or vessels belonging to the United States, of any article which is not of the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the United States.

3. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of laying an additional discriminating duty in favor of ships and vessels owned and wholly navigated by citizens of the United States.

4. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting American ships and vessels from carrying articles, the growth, produce, or manufacture, of any foreign country, from one foreign port or place to another foreign port or place.

5. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of modifying or repealing the laws allowing drawback.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, to postpone their farther consideration until to-morrow :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then severally taken upon the said resolutions, and the first, third, and fifth agreed to, and the second and fourth disagreed to by the House.

The order of the day was farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1809.

On motion of Mr. Smilie,

Ordered, That the petition of William Linnard, presented on the thirty-first of May, one thousand eight hundred and nine, together with the report of the Secretary of War on the same, made on the sixth of June following, be referred to Mr. Smilie, Mr. Livermore, and Mr. Sheffey, to examine the same, and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Gold, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States a resolution agreed to yesterday, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President replied that he would attend to the request of the House.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a cross post road from Belle Air, in Maryland, to Columbia, on the Susquehannah, in Pennsylvania, by Ramsay's town, Chaunceford Meeting House, and the Brogue Tavern.

On motion of Mr. Moseley,

Ordered, That the memorial of Stephen Alling, presented on the eighteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Fisk presented a petition of Gilbert J. Livingston, of the State of New York, praying compensation for services rendered as a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, made a report, in part, on such matters of business as were depending and undetermined upon at the close of the last session of Congress ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Turner,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be directed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a beacon on Beach Point, at the entrance of Plymouth harbor, in Massachusetts, agreeable to the prayer of the petition of sundry inhabitants of Plymouth, Duxbury, and Kingston, in said State, instead of erecting two beacons on the Stony Muscleshed, near said harbor, as provided for in the act of Congress, approved March seventeenth, one thousand eight hundred and eight.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee appointed on the eight instant, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the late and of the present army of the United States ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of William and Elias Rector ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Gholson,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Brunswick county, in the State of Virginia, presented on the twenty-ninth of May, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. W. Alston, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Halifax, North Carolina, by Bryant Cross Roads, New Market, and Clerk's Store, to Windsor, and of discontinuing the post road from Scotland Neck, to Granbury's Cross Roads and Clerk's Store, to Windsor.

A motion was made by Mr. M'Kim, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting, by law, the importation, in foreign ships or vessels, of all goods, wares, and merchandise, not of the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the country to which the ship belongs, excepting in the ships of such countries as, by permanent regulation, permit our ships and vessels, as freely and beneficially as their own, to import into their ports and Territories, the produce and manufactures of foreign countries.

2. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of laying an additional import duty on distilled spirits imported in foreign ships or vessels, from ports or countries in which American vessels are not permitted, by permanent regulation, to a fair participation in such trade; and that the committee have leave to report on these resolutions by bill, or otherwise.

The said resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Pearson, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the town of Salem, in Stokes county, by Clement's Bridge, by Mock's Old Fields, in the county of Rowan, by Statesville, in Iredell, county, to the town of Charlotte, in Mecklenburg county, all in the State of North Carolina.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to revive an act, entitled "An act for the relief of the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the town of Trap, in the State of Maryland, to the town of Waterford, in the State of Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Sheffey, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Wythe Court House, by Giles Court House, to Lewisburgh, in the county of Greenbrier, in the State of Virginia.

Mr. Thompson presented a petition of Ezra Thurber, of the town of Champlain, in the State of New York, praying compensation for his house, situated in said town, which was consumed by fire whilst in the occupation of the United States' troops as a guard house, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eight.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the petition of Lucy Dixon, presented on the twenty-fifth of November, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Gannett,

Ordered, That the following petitions, to wit: of sundry inhabitants of the town of Hebron, in the State of Massachusetts, presented on the fifth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six; of sundry inhabitants of Kennebec county, in the District of Maine, presented on the ninth and thirtieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, and fourteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine; and of sundry inhabitants of the county of Hancock, in the State of Massachusetts, presented on the sixteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and nine; be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing, by law, a post route from the village of Cherry Valley, in the county of Otsego, to the village of Herkimer, in the county of Herkimer, in the State of New York.

On motion of Mr. Haven, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Portsmouth, in New Hampshire, through Durham, Northwood, and Epsom, to Concord, in said State.

On motion of Mr. Cox,

Ordered, That the petition of Benjamin Smith, of the State of New Jersey, present-

ed on the thirteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Gannett presented a petition of Phineas Varney, late of Bath, in the District of Maine, mariner, praying to be discharged from the jail of Wiscasset, in said District, where he is confined at the suit of the United States, for a violation of the laws laying and executing an embargo on all ships and vessels within the United States, and that the judgment against him for three thousand twenty-eight dollars, on account of the said violation, may be remitted and annulled.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Gannett, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Stanford, Mr. Root, and Mr. Lyle, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, entitled "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Bacon presented a memorial of the directors of the New England Land Company, citizens of the State of Massachusetts, praying that measures may be speedily adopted by Congress for the examination and final adjustment of their claims to a portion of the lands lying within the Mississippi Territory, and ceded by the State of Georgia to the United States, on the twenty-fourth of April, one thousand eight hundred and two.

The said petition was read: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Bacon, and seconded, to refer the same to the Committee of Claims.

A motion was then made by Mr. Troup, and seconded, that the said petition be rejected.

Mr. Speaker decided that the motion to reject was not in order, as the motion for reference was first made, it must be first put.

The question then recurred on the motion made by Mr. Bacon, to refer the petition aforesaid to the Committee of Claims:

And the same being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 60, Nays ..... 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Vincent Matthews,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Daniel Sheffey,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselae
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Jacob Hufty,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1809.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Halifax county, in the State of Virginia, presented on the thirtieth of May, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Southard, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of passing a law to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Southard, Mr. Clay, Mr. Findley, Mr. Key, and Mr. Sturges, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of James Sawyers, of the State of Virginia, praying compensation for services rendered as a corporal in the Virginia line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eighth instant, the petition of John Murray, made a report thereon; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that he did this day present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes."

A motion was made by Mr. Troup, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That three hundred copies of the act of the Legislature of Georgia, com-

monly called the Rescinding Act, and passed in February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, be printed for the use of the members of this House; also, three hundred copies of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine; three hundred copies of the Constitution of the same State, of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; three hundred copies of the report of the commissioners appointed in pursuance of an act for the amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory, made to this House on the twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and four; and three hundred copies of the articles of agreement and cession between the United States, and the State of Georgia, entered into in April, one thousand eight hundred and two.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Fisk,

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Clason, presented on the fifth of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered, That the letter and report of the commissioners under the act for the relief of the refugees from Canada and Nova Scotia, presented on the thirteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Turner, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Hanover, in the State of New Hampshire, to Norwich, in the State of Vermont, and through the towns of Norwich, Thetford, Fairlee, Bradford, Newbury, Ryegate, and Peacham, to Danville, in said State of Vermont.

An engrossed bill to revive an act, entitled "An act for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other proposes," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to revive an act entitled 'An act for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. J. Porter,

Ordered, That the petition of John Loehman, presented on the seventh of June, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Rutland and Windsor, in the State of Vermont, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the post route between Rutland to Windsor aforesaid, may be discontinued, and that a post route may be established from Cavendish to Windsor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of South Carolina, presented on the fourteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Sheffey, on the eleventh instant, in relation to the Batture in front of the suburb St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans; and the same being again read at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made by Mr. W. Alston, and seconded, that the said resolutions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded, that the said resolutions do lie on the table:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Ordered, That the Committtee on the Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the representation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens, of New Orleans, and a petition of sundry inhabitants of New Orleans, in relation to the Batture aforesaid, referred to them on the seventh instant.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Graham, notifying that the President did, on the ninth instant, and this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: "An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage:" and "An act supplemental to an act, entitled "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes."

Mr. Graham also delivered a message, in writing, which was read, and is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

According to the request of the House of Representatives, expressed in their resolution of the eleventh instant, I now lay before them a printed copy of a paper purporting to be a circular letter from Mr. Jackson to the British Consuls in the United States, as received in a Gazette at the Department of State; and also, a printed paper, received in a letter from our Minister in London, purporting to be a copy of a despatch from Mr. Canning to Mr. Erskine of the twenty-third of January last.

JAMES MADISON.

DECEMBER 12, 1809.

Mr. Goldsborough presented a petition of Levin Jones, of the city of Baltimore, owner and master of the schooner Wolf, stating that, in October last, at Charleston, South Carolina, he took on board the said schooner several French families and their slaves, who had fled from the island of Cuba, for the purpose of carrying them to Norfolk, and that upon his arrival at that place, his vessel was seized for a violation of the act prohibiting the importation of slaves, which required a manifest to be made at Charleston of the said slaves, of the existence of which act, the petitioner states, he was ignorant, and praying that his said vessel may be released, and that he may be exonerated from all penalties incurred by the violation of the law aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. W. Alston,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

And the several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1809.

Another member, to wit: from New York, Herman Knickerbacker, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Key and Mr. Goldsborough have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for two weeks, from this day.

Mr. Sawyer presented a petition of Thomas Brickell, of the State of North Carolina, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of services rendered as a Captain in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his report, prepared in obedience to a resolution of the first instant, requesting information touching any settlement, contrary to law, on the public lands in Madison county, Mississippi Territory; which were read, and referred to the committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of allowing the citizens of Madison county aforesaid, to elect a member to the General Assembly of said Territory.

Mr. Poindexter from the committee appointed, on the fourth instant, on the petition of Josiah H. Webb, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Josiah H. Webb; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted by Mr. M'Kim, on the fourteenth instant; and the same being again read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereon, agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to lay before this House an abstract from all British patents, warrants, or orders of survey, filed in his office, agreeable to the several acts of Congress regulating the grants of lands, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. Potter, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the benefit of drawback of the duties upon exportation on all goods, wares, and merchandise, subject thereto, that may be transported by land from the District of Newport, in Rhode Island, to Boston, in Massachusetts, and from said Boston, to said Newport.

On motion of Mr. Haven,

Ordered, That the letter and report of the commissioners under the act for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, made on the twenty-first of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. P. B. Porter presented a petition of William Gamble, of the State of New York, praying to be allowed an additional compensation for his services as Inspector of the Revenue for the District of Niagara, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Fisk, from the committee appointed, on the fourth instant, for the purpose, presented, according to order, a bill providing for the third census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Troup on the fifteenth instant; and the same being again read at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made by Mr. Bacon, and seconded, to amend the said resolution by adding, to the end thereof, the following: "also an act of the Legislature of the State of Georgia, passed on the seventh day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, granting to sundry companies and individuals certain lands therein described:"

And the question being taken upon the said amendment,

It was determined in the negative,

The said resolution was then agreed to by the House, modified by consent of the mover to read in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That three hundred copies of the act of the Legislature of Georgia, commonly called the Rescinding Act, and passed in February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, be printed for the use of the members of this House; also, three hundred copies of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine; three hundred copies of the Constitution of the same State, of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; three hundred copies of the report of the Commissioners appointed in pursuance of an act for the amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory, made to this House on the twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and four; and three hundred copies of the articles of agreement and cession between the United States and the State of Georgia, entered into in April, one thousand eight hundred and two; also, the message of the President of the United States, communicated to this House on the seventeenth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety five; also, an act of Congress passed the seventh day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory;" and an act, supplemental to the last mentioned act, passed the tenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred; also, the report of the Committee of Claims on the memorials of sundry citizens of the State of Massachusetts and others, purchasers under the Georgia and Mississippi Company, made to this House on the eighteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and five.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the act, entitled "An act to prohibit settlements being made on the public lands until authorized by law;" and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Love presented a petition of the stockholders of the Bank of Washington, signed by Daniel Carroll, of Duddington, their President, praying that a charter may be granted incorporating the subscribers to the said Bank, to take effect as early as the existing laws of the United States will permit.

The said petition was read, and referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Love,

Ordered, That the petition of the Common Council of Alexandria, presented on the twenty-first of November, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Georgetown Cross Roads, or Head of Sassafras, in Kent country, Maryland, through Head of Chester, to Greensborough.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of William Law, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of wounds received whilst a soldier in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion, thereon to the House.

On motion of Mr. Love,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Columbia, presented on the sixteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Findley, from the committee to whom was referred the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend certain privileges therein mentioned to Joseph Joshua Dyster," reported the said bill with amendments; which were, with the bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted by Mr. Sheffey, on the eleventh instant, in relation to the conflicting claims to the Batture in the city of New Orleans: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said resolutions, together with the representation of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens, and the petition of sundry inhabitants of the said city of New Orleans, presented on the seventh instant, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the joint resolution from the Senate, respecting our foreign relations; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said joint resolution under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said joint resolution.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Graham, as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

Agreeably to the request expressed in the resolution of the thirteenth instant, I lay before the House extracts from the correspondence of the Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States at London.

JAMES MADISON.

DECEMBER 16, 1809.

The said message and extracts were read, and ordered to lie on the table.
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1809.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Macon, from the committee appointed on that part of the message of the President of the United States which relates to our foreign relations, reported, in part, a bill respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Macon, from the committee appointed on the first instant, made a report of such rules and orders as are proper to be observed in this House; which was read, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is Committed the resolutions submitted by Mr. Bacon, on the seventh instant, in relation to indecorous language in debate, and to the practice of duelling.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill, to deprive, in certain cases, vessels of their American character, and to prevent, under certain disabilities, any citizen of the United States taking a license from any foreign Power to navigate the ocean, or trade with any other foreign or independent Power; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the issuing of debentures in certain cases; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Seybert,

Ordered, That the memorial of Archibald M'Call, presented on the twelfth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Love presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the City of Washington, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that an act may be passed incorporating a Company for the purpose of making, as far as the line of the District of Columbia, a road leading in the most direct route from the Capitol to Fredericktown, in Maryland, and a road passing over the Washington Bridge, in the proper direction to Staunton, in Virginia.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of William and Elias Rector; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which was read at the Clerk's table, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants."

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Graham, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the act last mentioned.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the joint resolution from the Senate respecting our foreign relations; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said resolution under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said joint resolution.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill concerning claims to lands in the Mississippi Territory, granted by the British Government of West Florida; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the message from the President of the United States received yesterday, be printed for the use of the members.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1809.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eighteenth instant, the petition of Thomas Brickle, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained, agreed to by the House as follows:

"*Resolved,* That the p[illegible] of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted."

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth ultimo, the petition of Edward Turner, made a report thereon; which being read,

A motion was made by Mr. Poindexter that the said report do lie on the table:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Another motion was made by Mr. Poindexter that the said report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was determined in the negative.

The resolution contained in the said report was again read in the words following:

"*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted."

The question was then taken to concur with the Committee of Claims in the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Love, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the removal of slaves from one part of the District of Columbia to another; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. M'Kim presented sundry documents relating to the petition of Levin Jones, owner and master of the schooner Wolf; which were ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of James M'Cracken, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of services rendered as a soldier in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Morrow presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Clermont county, State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the town of Milford may be established as a post town, for the convenience and benefit of the inhabitants of said county.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

An engrossed bill for the relief of William and Elias Rector was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of William and Elias Rector."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Bacon presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Stockbridge, Berkshire county, State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying for the establishment of a post route from the said town of Stockbridge to the city of Albany, in the State of New-York.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Love, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the charter of Alexandria; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the joint resolution from the Senate respecting our foreign relations; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said resolution under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to prevent the abuse of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by foreign Ministers within the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1809.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee appointed, on the seventh instant, presented according to order, a bill extending jurisdiction, in certain cases, to the Territorial Courts; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of Caleb Boush, of Princess Ann county, State of Virginia, praying for permission to send a vessel to the island of Jamaica, for the purpose of bringing into the United States the proceeds of a cargo of staves, which were sold in that island during the last Summer, on his account.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Edwin C. Brown, of the State of Virginia, praying to be allowed the pay and commutation due for the services of James Craine, as a Captain in the Revolutionary army, who was the father of the petitioner's wife, and in whose right he claims.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of John N. Stout; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Betsey B. Stelle and Robert Bealle, referred to them on the twenty-eighth ultimo; which was read at the Clerk's table, and the resolution contained within the same agreed to by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted."

Mr. Morrow, from the committee to whom was referred, on the thirteenth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the State of Maryland, to the State of Ohio," reported the agreement of the committee to the said bill, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Southard, from the committee appointed on the fifteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill to revive and make permanent "An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses," and in addition to the same; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Cutts,

Ordered, That the petition of William Hawkins, presented on the twenty-first of February, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the fortifications for the defence of the ports and harbors of the United States; which were read, and referred to the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to the fortifications of the ports and harbors of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Love, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee for the District of Columbia, be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the "Act for the establishment of a Turnpike Company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia."

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the joint resolution from the Senate respecting our foreign relations; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said resolution under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said joint resolution.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Graham, as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to both Houses of Congress a report from the Surveyor of the Public Buildings, of the progress made on them during the last season, and of other explanations relative thereto.

JAMES MADISON.

DECEMBER 16, 1809.

The said message and report were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to have the application of the money appropriated by "the act making a farther appropriation for the support of a Library;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1809.

Mr. Sturges presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Reading, in the State of Connecticut, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying for the establishment of a post road from the most eligible situation on the great stage road leading from New York to New Haven, through the said town of Reading to Danbury.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Poydras presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of Point Coupee, in the Territory of Orleans, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for reasons therein set forth, to be confirmed in their title to a certain piece of land lying on the Mississippi river, near said Point Coupee, or that such other measures may be adopted to secure the title to the petitioners as shall appear reasonable and proper.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Troup have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for two weeks, from Monday next.

Mr. Love, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented, according to order, a bill to incorporate the Trustees of Washington College; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Gardner,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Brewster, Chatham, Orleans, Willfleet, and Truro, presented on the fourteenth of June, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Helms, from the committee appointed on the eighth instant, presented a bill for the relief of Harry Caldwell and Amasa Jackson; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Livermore, and seconded,

Ordered, That, when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Tuesday next.

A motion was made by Mr. Poindexter, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from High Wassee to Franklin Court House, in Tennessee, thence to Madison Court House, Mississippi Territory, thence to Lincoln Court House, thence to Giles Court House, thence to Columbia, in Tennessee.

Ordered, That the said resolution do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlin, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inq

into the expediency of establishing a post road from the town of Montpelier, in the State of Vermont, through the towns of Marshfield, Cabot, Walden, Hardwich, Greensborough, and Glover, to the town of Barton, in said State.

Ordered, That the message received yesterday, communicating a report of the Surveyor of the Public Buildings, be referred to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Stanford, Mr. Livermore, Mr. Root, and Mr. J. Brown, to consider and report thereon to the House.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to prevent the abuse of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by foreign Ministers within the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution from the Senate, for the appointment of a joint committee to have the application of the money appropriated by the "act making a further appropriation for the support of a Library;" and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Dana, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Seybert, be appointed of the said committee, on the part of this House.

Mr. Findley, from the Committee of Elections, to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, the petition of Thomas Randolph, contesting the election of Jonathan Jennings, the Delegate from the Indiana Territory, made a report thereon; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. P. B. Porter presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Niagara, in the State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying for the removal of the Collector's office from Fort Niagara to Lewistown.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William and Elias Rector." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the joint resolution from the Senate respecting our foreign relations; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said resolution under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that the House do reconsider their vote for an adjournment until Tuesday next:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned until Tuesday morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1809.

Two other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Benjamin Pickman, jun; and from Virginia, William A. Burwell; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report of the Secretary of War on the petition of William Law, referred to him on the eighteenth instant; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Macon presented a petition of Peregrine Fitzhugh, of the Genesee country, in the State of New York, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consequence of wounds received whilst an officer of cavalry in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Knox county, State of Kentucky, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of William White, and others; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Ezra Thurber; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Smilie, from the committee appointed, on the fourteenth instant, on the petition of William Linnard, presented a bill to increase the compensation of the military agent for the Middle Department; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Van Rensselaer presented a petition of Samuel Gordon, of the State of New York, praying that provision may be made for his maintenance in consequence of bodily injuries sustained whilst in the act of conveying the public mail between the cities of Albany and Schenectady, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Postmaster General, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

Mr. Poindexter presented a memorial of the convention of the representatives of the people residing East of Pearl river, on the waters of the Tombigbee, Alabama, Chickasawbay and Mobile rivers, in the Mississippi Territory, praying that the act of Congress appointing an additional Judge in the said Territory, for the Washington district, may be repealed, and that a division of the said Territory may be made, under such regulations as may appear expedient and proper.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth instant, on the petition of sundry inhabitants East of Pearl river, in the Territory aforesaid.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the Secretary of the Department of War; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. P. B. Porter presented a petition of Peter Audrain, praying compensation for services rendered as Clerk to the Board of Land Commissioners in the Territory of Michigan.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House then, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the joint resolution from the Senate respecting our foreign relations; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said resolution under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said resolution.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1809.

The Speaker presented to the House a petition of Peter Landais, praying to be allowed and paid his share of prize money in three vessels captured by him, in the Revolutionary war, while commander of the United States' frigate Alliance.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, and that the petitioner have leave to lay copies of his said petition on the tables of the members.

Mr. Burwell presented a petition of the delegates of the people of several settlements East of Pearl river, in the Mississippi Territory, praying for a division of the said Territory.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth instant, on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the district East of Pearl river, in the Territory aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Seybert,

Ordered, That the petition of the sugar refiners in the city of Philadelphia, presented on the thirtieth of May last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Fisk presented a petition of Henry B. Livingston, of the State of New York,

praying compensation for moneys advanced, losses sustained, and services rendered, while a Colonel in the army of the United States, during the Revolutionary war.

The said petition was read, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the petition of William Hawkins, made a report thereon; which was read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Newton, from the same committee, then presented a bill authorizing the discharge of William Hawkins from his imprisonment; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William and Elias Rector," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Sheffey presented sundry papers in relation to the Batture in the city of New Orleans; which were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Morrow presented a petition of Frederick Pontius, of the State of Ohio, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, to be allowed to withdraw his entry of a certain tract of land on condition of applying the money, already paid, to the purchase of another tract of land situated in the same district.

Mr. Morrow also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the provisions of the "Act to extend the time of making payment for the public lands of the United States," and that certain rights of pre-emption may be extended to them.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of allowing an additional Judge to the Mississippi Territory, to reside in the county of Madison, and to have the same powers with those granted by law to the Judge of Washington county, in said Territory.

Ordered, That Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Seaver, Mr. Burwell, Mr. Heister, and Mr. Smelt, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Gholson have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for four days, from yesterday.

Mr. S. Smith presented a petition of Dennis Purcel, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for a boat taken from him by a detachment of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Burwell presented a memorial of William Lambert, of the State of Virginia, accompanied with a number of astronomical calculations, relating to the establishment of a first meridian of the United States, at the permanent seat of the General Government, and praying that such proceedings may be had therein as to Congress shall appear wise and expedient.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Blaisdell presented a petition of Theophilus Colby, of the State of New Hampshire, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of wounds and injuries received whilst a soldier in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A motion was made by Mr. Nicholson, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of making permanent provision by law for constructing public canals and roads, and for the general establishment of seminaries for education, throughout the United States; and that they have leave to report thereon to this House.

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to inquire into the best means of providing, by law, permanent funds for the accomplishment of these objects; and that they, in like manner, have leave to report thereon to this House.

The said resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. M'Kim,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry refiners of sugar in the city of Baltimore, presented on the second of June, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. M'Kee,

Ordered, That the petition of Richard Taylor, presented on the twenty-seventh of May, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. M'Kee presented a petition of John Galloway, praying compensation for services rendered as a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the surveying and making of certain roads in the State of Ohio, as contemplated by the treaty of Brownstown, in the Territory of Michigan;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House then, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the joint resolution sent from the Senate respecting our foreign relations; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said joint resolution under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the same, without amendment.

The House then proceeded to consider the said joint resolution at the Clerk's table: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the same be postponed indefinitely:

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: When,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1809.

Mr. Van Horn presented a petition of Edward Holland, of Annapolis, State of Maryland, praying compensation for the loss of a vessel which was destroyed by the ice whilst lying near Fort M'Henry, in the employ of the army of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eight.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the surveying and making of certain roads in the State of Ohio, as contemplated by the treaty of Brownstown, in the Territory of Michigan, was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Jared Shattuck; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Chloe Strong; which was read at the Clerk's table, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted."

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Gilbert J. Livingston; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Jennings presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Knox, in the Indiana Territory, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that an act may be passed to authorize the Land Commissioners for the District of Vincennes, to receive, examine, and decide, on their titles to their several tracts of land, which has not heretofore been done for the reasons therein mentioned.

Mr. Jennings also presented a petition of Gabriel Bolon, junior, and Amable Bolon, junior, for themselves and others, heirs at law to Antoine and Margaret Marie, praying that an act may be passed to authorize the Land Commissioners of the District of Vin-

cennes, to confirm their title to certain lands granted to their ancestors for services as Indian interpreters.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Smilie presented a petition of William Blackney, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of wounds and injuries received whilst a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of Abraham Whipple, of the State of Ohio, praying relief in consideration of losses, wounds, and injuries sustained whilst an officer in the naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Desha, and Mr. Pickman, to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Macon and Mr. Dana be added to the committee appointed, on the eleventh instant, for the purpose of inquiring what amendments are necessary in the "Act to promote the progress of useful arts."

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William and Elias Rector."

On motion of Mr. J. Porter,

Ordered, That the petition of John Dutill, presented on the first of June, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Whitehill,

Ordered, That the petition of John Heap, presented on the twelfth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. R. Jackson, junior,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert S. Borough and Stephen Hopkins, of Providence, in Rhode Island, presented on the sixteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House proceeded to consider the unfinished business of yesterday.

The question depending at the time of adjournment, to wit: to postpone indefinitely the farther consideration of the joint resolution from the Senate respecting our foreign relations, was again stated:

And after farther debate thereon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1809.

Another member, to wit: from North Carolina, James Holland, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of the Levy Court of the county of Alexandria, and of the Common Council of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying a grant of money sufficient for the erection of a permanent jail in the said county for the safe keeping of prisoners.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee appointed, on the eighth instant, to inquire into the circumstances attending the occurrence alluded to in the letter of Mr. I. A. Coles, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House again proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday.

The question depending at the time of adjournment, to wit: to postpone indefinitely the farther consideration of the joint resolution from the Senate respecting our foreign relations, was again stated:

And after farther debate thereon,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1809.

Mr. Smilie presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Alleghany county, State of Maryland, and of Somerset and Fayette counties, State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying the establishment of a post route to pass on Braddock's old road, from Cumberland, in Maryland, to Union town in Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

A motion was made by Mr. Dawson, and seconded, that the report made yesterday, on the occurrence between I. A. Coles and a member of this House, and the documents accompanying the same, be printed for the use of the members:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 76, Nays ..... 25.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
James Holland,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Thomas Newton,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Robert Brown,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Peter B. Porter,

John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
Robert Whitehill,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Stanford, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said report and documents be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House again proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday.

The question depending at the time of adjournment, to wit: to postpone indefinitely the farther consideration of the joint resolution from the Senate respecting our foreign relations, was again stated:

And after farther debate thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1810.

On motion of Mr. Fisk,

Ordered, That the petition of Lewis Dubois, presented on the eleventh of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cochran presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Guilford county, State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the post route between Hillsborough and Salisbury, may be so altered as to pass by Greensborough, Jamestown, and Lexington, all in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Smilie presented a petition of Alexander M'Donald, Messenger to the office of the Register of the Treasury, praying to be allowed an additional compensation in consideration of the increase of the duties attached to the station of Messenger aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Macon presented a petition of the Trustees of the Academy at Stephensburgh, Frederick county, State of Virginia, praying a donation either in money or vacant Western lands for the purpose of assisting to erect buildings for the purposes of the Academy aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Otto Vantuyl Barbarie, attorney in fact for the devisees of the late Robert Farman, deceased, formerly of West Florida, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the said devisees may be indemnified for the loss of certain lands lying within the Territories of Mississippi, West Florida, and Louisiana, or that they may be re-instated in the possession of the said lands.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Milnor, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be authorized to settle and adjust the accounts of Thomas Claxton, junior, and James Claxton, for their services during the first session of the present Congress, provided the same do not exceed fifty dollars each; and that the said accounts be paid out of the contingent fund of this House.

Mr. Morrow presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same effect with a petition from sundry other inhabitants of the said State, presented to this House on the twenty-seventh ultimo.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Tracy presented a petition of Casper Rouse, of the State of New York, praying compensation for supplies in money furnished to the American army, during the Revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cox presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Monmouth county, State of New Jersey, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying the establishment of a post route from Blackhorse, by New Egypt, to Wrightstown, in said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1810.

Another member, to wit: from Pennsylvania, Robert Jenkins, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the petition of John Thompson, presented on the thirty-first of May last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Taggart,

Ordered, That two petitions of sundry inhabitants of the town of Tully, Onondago county, State of New York, presented on the seventh of February, and seventeenth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, together with the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Pompey, in the county aforesaid, presented on the fourth of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Love presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Bank of Alexandria, signed by William Herbert, their President, praying that an act may be passed extending the charter of the said bank for a period of twenty years beyond the fourth of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, at which time the present charter will have expired.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Moseley,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Pettibone, presented on the second of June last, be referred to Mr. Moseley, Mr. Seaver, Mr. Clopton, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Franklin, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Clay presented a document in support of the petition of James Sawyers, which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Love presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Bank of Potomac, praying that an act may be passed granting a charter to the said bank, to take effect as soon as the existing laws of the United States will permit.

Mr. Love also presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Union Bank of Georgetown, to the same effect with the petition last stated.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Tracy, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Unadilla, in the county of Otsego, to Oxford, in the county of Chenango, in the State of New York.

Mr. Wheaton presented a petition of Samuel Eddy, of the State of Massachusetts, praying to be paid the amount of wages due for his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Gannett,

Ordered, That the petition of Reuben Colbourn, presented on the third of January, one thousand eight hundred, be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Amy Dardin.

Mr. Love, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented a bill for the improvement of the navigation of the river Potomac; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. P. B. Porter presented documents in support of the petition of William Gamble; which were referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Taggart, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the propriety of establishing a post road from Greenfield, in the county of Hampshire, Massachusetts, through the towns of Shelburne, Charlemont, Zoar, Florida, and Adams, to Williamstown, in the county of Berkshire, in the same State.

Mr. Taggart presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Tully, Onondago county,

State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying for the establishment of a post route from Manlius, through Pompey, Tully, and Homer, to Ithaca, in said State.

Mr. W. Chamberlin presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Caledonia county, in the State of Vermont, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying for the establishment of a post route from Rvegate, up Connecticut and Passumpsie rivers to Lyndon.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The House again proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of Saturday last.

The question depending and undetermined at the time of adjournment, to wit: to postpone indefinitely the farther consideration of the joint resolution from the Senate respecting our foreign relations, was again stated:

And after farther debate thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 32, / Nays ..... 64.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald McBryde,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John C. Chamberlain,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
Samuel McKee,
Alexander McKim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,

John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Adam Seybert,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

And after debate,

Another motion was made by Mr. Wilson, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was again determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 28, Nays . . . . . 77.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Herman Knickerbacker,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jr.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John C. Chamberlain,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Barent Gardenier,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Adam Seybert,

Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

The main question was then taken to postpone indefinitely the farther consideration of the joint resolution aforesaid,

And determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 44, Nays ..... 73.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archbaild McBryde,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson.

John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

And then the several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1810.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Frederick Pontius, referred to them on the twenty-seventh ultimo; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted."

Mr. Morrow, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees of Canada and Nova Scotia;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Witherspoon presented a petition of James Dennis, praying to be allowed a small sum of money for the purposes of his support, in consideration of blindness and the loss of hearing incurred whilst in the marine corps of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, presented a petition of the representatives of a general committee, chosen by the inhabitants of the Territory of Upper Louisiana, praying that a revision of the land laws of the United States for the Territory aforesaid, may be made, and that such claims as shall appear meritorious and just, and are not provided for in any existing law, may be immediately confirmed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Love,

Ordered, That the petition of John Strother, presented on the eighth of December, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Quincy presented a petition of a committee appointed by the manufacturers of paper within the State of Massachusetts, praying that an additional duty may be laid upon paper imported from foreign countries.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Findley,

Ordered, That the petition of Arthur St. Clair, presented on the twenty-fifth of May last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. M'Kim, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, further provisions are necessary more effectually to secure the collection of duties imposed by law on imports; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Graham, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, approve and sign an act, entitled "An act for the relief of William and Elias Rector."

Mr. Graham also delivered a message, in writing; which was read at the Clerk's table, and is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

The act authorizing a detachment of one hundred thousand men from the militia, will expire on the thirtieth of March next. Its early revival is recommended, in order that timely steps may be taken for arrangements such as the act contemplated.

Without interfering with the modifications rendered necessary by the defects or the

inefficacy of the laws restrictive of commerce and navigation, or with the policy of disallowing to foreign armed vessels the use of our waters, it falls within my duty to recommend also, that, in addition to the precautionary measure authorized by that act, and to the regular troops, for completing the legal establishment of which enlistments are renewed, every necessary provision may be made for a volunteer force of twenty thousand men, to be enlisted for a short period, and held in a state of organization and readiness for actual service, at the shortest warning

I submit to the consideration of Congress, moreover, the expediency of such a classification and organization of the militia as will best ensure prompt and successive aids from that source, adequate to emergencies which may call for them.

It will rest with them also to determine, how far further provision may be expedient for putting into actual service, if necessary, any part of the naval armament not now employed.

At a period presenting features in the conduct of foreign Powers towards the United States which impose on them the necessity of precautionary measures involving expense, it is a happy consideration that such is the solid state of the public credit, that reliance may be justly placed on any legal provision that may be made for resorting to it, in a convenient form, and to an adequate amount.

JAMES MADISON.

JANUARY 3, 1810.

On motion of Mr. Dawson, and seconded,

Ordered, That so much of the said message as relates to the organization and classification of the militia, be referred to the committee, appointed on the first ultimo, on the same subject.

Ordered, That so much of the said message as relates to raising a volunteer force, be referred to the committee appointed, on the said first ultimo, on the Military Establishment of the United States.

Ordered, That so much of the message aforesaid as relates to the "naval armament," be referred to the committee appointed, on the said first ultimo, on the Naval Establishment of the United States.

Ordered, That so much of the said message as relates to the Finances, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Burwell, and seconded,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House any information he may possess relative to the blockade of the ports of the Baltic by France, and the exclusion of neutrals' vessels by Russia, Sweden, and Denmark.

Ordered, That Mr. Burwell and Mr. Gardner be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

The House proceeded to consider the joint resolution from the Senate respecting our foreign relations.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said joint resolution be read the third time immediately.

The said resolution was, accordingly, read the third time:

And the question being stated from the chair that the same do pass,

A motion was made by Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, that the farther consideration thereof, be postponed until the third Monday in February next:

And the question thereon being taken,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 39, Nays ..... 74.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas R. Gold.
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,

Archibald M'Bryde,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
Williams Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn:

And the question thereon being taken,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 26, Nays ..... 82.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Joseph Pearson,

Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quncy,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Ezekiel Whitman.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John C. Chamberlain,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Barent Gardenier,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Jacob Swoope,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Wilson, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was again determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 15, Nays.....59.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
James Emott,
Robert Jenkins,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Thomas Newbold,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Samuel Taggart.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, junior,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was made by Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, to recommit the said resolution to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House, for the purpose of amending the same:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative,* { Yeas ..... 45, Nays ..... 71.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John C. Chamberlain,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Thomas Newbold,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn :

And the question being taken thereon,

It was again determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 41, Nays ..... 70.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Samuel W. Dana,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald McBryde,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,

Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Ezekiel Whitman.

Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was again made by Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn:

And the question thereon being taken,

It was again determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 33, / Nays ... . 75.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Ezekiel Whitman.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Barent Gardenier,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M. Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was then made by Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, to postpone the farther consideration of the resolution aforesaid until the second Monday in February next:

And the question thereon being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

The main question was then taken that this House do concur with the Senate in the said joint resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 72, Nays ..... 41.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jr.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
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Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, junior,

Peterson Goodwyn,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Whitherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin junior,
Elisha R. Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Smilie, and seconded,

Ordered, That, when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Friday next.

And then the several orders of the day were farther postponed until Friday next.

And the House adjourned until Friday morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1810.

Another member, to wit: from Delaware, Nicholas Van Dyke, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting two statements of the importations in American and foreign vessels, from the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and seven, to the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and eight; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a statement of the expenditure and application of moneys drawn from the Treasury, between the fourth of March and the thirtieth of September last; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for the contingent expenses of the Military Establishment for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting a statement of the expenditure and application of moneys drawn from the Treasury between the fourth of March and the thirtieth of September last; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Mary Piercy, widow and sole representative of Henry Piercy, deceased, praying to be allowed such quantity of land as her said husband was entitled to in consideration of services rendered by him as a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

Mr. S. Smith presented a petition of Thomas Wilson, of Erie county, State of Pennsylvania, praying to be discharged from confinement in jail, at the suits of the United States, on account of inability to execute a contract for supplying the troops of the United States with rations.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Franklin, and Mr. Stedman, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

Mr. Poydras presented a petition of the Board of Directors of the Orleans Navigation Company, praying for the erection of a light-house on Lake Pontchartrain, at the mouth of the Bayou St. John.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Van Horn,

Ordered, That the petition of John Holker, presented on the sixth of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Joab Garret, referred to them on the twelfth ultimo; which was read at the Clerk's table, and the resolutions therein contained, agreed to as follow:

"*Resolved*, That Joab Garret be permitted to withdraw his entry from the North-west quarter of section number two, in township number seven, of range number seven, in the Vincennes District, and the money paid by him on the said purchase be placed to his credit on any entry he shall or may have made in the same district."

"*Resolved*, That, from and after the first day of June next, any person making application to the Register of any of the Land Offices of the United States, for the purchase of a tract of land, shall produce to him a memorandum in writing, stating the number of the section, half section, or quarter, as the case may be, and of the township and range for which he shall make application, subscribing his name thereto, which shall be filed and preserved by the Register in his office."

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions; and that the Committee on the Public Lands do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have ordered that Mr. Whiteside be of the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, on their part, in the place of Mr. Condit, who has been excused on account of indisposition. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report such rules and orders as are proper to be observed in this House; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1810.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an estimate of an appropriation of moneys for the service of the year one

thousand eight hundred and ten, together with an account of receipts and expenditures for the last year, and a statement of balances unexpended on the thirtieth of September last; which were read, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a report on the subject of the "Navy Pension Fund;" which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Eppes, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill to revive and continue in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Territory of Louisiana, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the second grade of Territorial Government may be established in said Territory.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, Mr. Gray, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Hufty, Mr. Gardenier, Mr. Seaver, and Mr. Holland; with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Van Horn,

Ordered, That the petition of the President and Directors of the Commercial Company of the city of Washington, presented on the eighth of December, one thousand eight hundred and eight, and the petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Washington and of Prince George's county, Maryland, presented on the sixteenth of June last, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. S. Smith, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Kittaning, in the county of Armstrong, through Franklin to Meadville, in the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Pittsburg, through M'Keesport and Elizabethtown, to Parkinson's Ferry, in Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the post road from Pittsburg to Butler, so as to pass through the town of Harmony.

Mr. M'Kim presented a petition of John Davis and Mary East, representatives of Samuel G. East, deceased, praying to be allowed and paid the arrearages of pay due for the services of the deceased, as a seaman in the service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Navy, to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

Mr. Bassett, from the committee appointed on that part of the President's message, at the commencement of the session, which relates to the Naval Establishment, made a report, in part; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A motion was made by Mr. Holland, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of encouraging the manufacture of iron, by making a donation of a certain portion of land to such persons as may erect iron works within the Territories of the United States.

The said resolution was read at the Clerk's table; and, on the question taken thereon, disagreed to by the House.

Mr. Burwell, from the committee appointed, on the third instant, to present a resolution of the same day to the President of the United States, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President signified that he would comply with the request of the House, so far as information can be procured from the files of the Department of State.

Mr. Gannett presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Kennebec and Somerset, in the District of Maine, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the present mail route from Augusta to Waterville, may be so altered as to pass through the town of Sidney.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Ross presented a petition of Elizabeth Brodhead, of Northampton county, State of Pennsylvania, praying to be allowed the arrears of a pension granted to her late husband for services as an officer in the Revolutionary army, and that she may be permitted to receive the said pension during her natural life.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

Ordered, That the petition of Mansfield Walker, presented on the first of March, one thousand eight hundred and three, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bacon presented a petition of John Pitman, of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, praying the renewal, for a further term of fourteen years, of his patent right to a machine for manufacturing cordage.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed to inquire what alterations are necessary in the act to promote the progress of useful arts.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report such rules and orders as are proper to be observed in this House; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Rea, of Pennsylvania, have leave to be absent from the service of this House for one week.

Mr. Seybert presented a petition of George Armroyd and company, of the city of Philadelphia, merchants, praying to be allowed the benefit of a drawback of duties upon certain goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the United States to a foreign market, which has heretofore, for reasons therein stated, been withheld from them.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill to prescribe the mode in which application shall be made for the purchase of land at the several land offices, and for the relief of Joab Garret; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. M'Kim presented a petition of Isaac Briggs, of the State of Maryland, praying to be refunded certain extraordinary expenses incurred in the discovery of the most direct route from the city of Washington, to the city of New Orleans.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Livermore, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to cause to be laid before this House a copy of any instructions issued by the present or any former Administrations to the Collectors of the several districts of the United States, relative to refusing clearances to any private armed vessels of the United States.

Mr. Nelson, from the Committee on the Military Establishment, made a report in part on that part of the message of the President of the United States, of the third instant, which relates to the raising of a volunteer force; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. M'Bryde, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Lamberton, in Robeson county, to Elizabethtown, in Bladen county, thence to Columbus Court House, and from thence to Wilmington, all in the State of North Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Wheaton,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Massachusetts, pre-

sented on the twenty-fifth of May last, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Desha presented a petition of Daniel Boones, of the Territory of Louisiana, stating that he has employed the greater part of his life in exploring the Western wilds, and in promoting the settlement and civilization of that portion of America, and that by a construction of the land laws applicable to the said Territory, he has been deprived of a piece of land to which he conceived himself entitled, and praying that, in consideration of the services before stated, Congress will extend to him some evidence of the liberality of his country.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Desha, Mr. Van Dyke, and Mr. Kenan, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to revive and continue in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Elections, in the case of the contested election of Jonathan Jennings, the delegate from the Territory of Indiana; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the resolution therein contained, in the words following, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the election held for a delegate to Congress for the Indiana Territory, on the twenty-second of May, one thousand eight hundred and nine, being without authority of law, is void; and, consequently, the seat of Jonathan Jennings, as a Delegate for that Territory, hereby declared to be vacant."

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of the Whole House: When

An adjournment was called for: On which

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1810.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be discharged from the consideration of the petition of the Trustees of the Academy at Stephensburg, in Frederick county, State of Virginia; and that the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Turner presented three petitions from sundry inhabitants of Plymouth county, State of Massachusetts, respectively praying that the present post route between the towns of Bridgewater and Rochester may be discontinued, and that a post route may be established from Taunton, through Middleborough and Carver, to Plymouth, all in said county.

Mr. J. C. Chamberlain presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the States of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, praying for the establishment of a post route from Boston, in Massachusetts, to Brattleboro', in the State of Vermont.

Mr. Tracy presented two petitions from sundry inhabitants of the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, to the same effect with a petition of sundry other inhabitants of the said county, presented on the second instant.

Mr. Hubbard presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Cavendish, Windsor county, State of Vermont, praying that the present post route between the towns of Rutland and Windsor, may be discontinued, and that a post route may be established from Cavendish to Windsor aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Southard presented a petition of sundry manufacturers of paper, in the counties of Essex and Morris, in the State of New Jersey, stating the great inconvenience and disadvantages to which they are exposed on account of the great importations of foreign manufactured paper, and praying that Congress will grant such aid to the manufacturers of that article within the United States, as shall appear expedient and proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Fisk presented a petition of Jonathan Williams, Colonel Commandant of the Corps of Engineers, and Superintendent of the Military Academy, praying to be exonerated from the payment of certain sums of money expended by him on account of the public, and while in the discharge of his official duties.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Sammons, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the village of Hamilton, by Guilderland and Berne, to Schoharrie Court House, and from thence to Middleburg, Coleskill, and Worcester, to Collyers on the Susquehanna river.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the petition of Richard Davidson, presented on the twenty-fifth of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Desha, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Flemingsburg to Paris, in the State of Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

Ordered, That the petition of Margaret Lapsley, presented on the eighteenth of November, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Whitman, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of altering the times for holding the two terms of the District Court, for the District of Maine, now by law holden on the last Tuesday of May, and the first Tuesday of September, so that the former shall be hereafter holden on the fourth Tuesday of June, and the latter on the second Tuesday of September; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Whitman, Mr. Hufty, and Mr. Sheffey, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting his report made in obedience to the act of the twenty-first of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight, entitled "An act concerning public contracts;" which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting his report of the number, names, and salaries, of the clerks employed in the Navy Department during the last year; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill to revive and continue in force, for a further time, the first section of an act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to revive and continue in force, for a further time, the first section of an act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the unfinished business of yesterday, respecting the contested election of Jonathan Jennings: When,

On motion of Mr. Gholson,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the report of the Committee of Elections on the said contested election, be postponed until to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled resolution in the form of a joint resolution of the two Houses of Congress, respecting our foreign relations, and found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1810.

Mr. Fisk presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of West Chester, in the State of New York, praying that the mail route between New York and Bennington, in Vermont, may be so altered as to pass through the towns of Somers and Mount Pleasant.

Mr. Desha presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Bourbon, Nicholas, Lewis, Fleming, and Greenup, in the State of Kentucky, praying the establishment of a post route from Paris, in Bourbon county, to intersect the Virginia State road at or near the mouth of Big Sandy river, in Greenup county, aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Howard, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the propriety of establishing a post road from Charlestown, or Kenhawa, in Virginia, to Mount Sterling, in Kentucky, to pass by the mouth of Big Sandy river.

On motion of Mr. Van Horn,

Ordered, That the petition of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the City of Washington, presented on the fifteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Van Horn presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Washington, praying that an act may be passed directing the Marshal for the District of Columbia to receive and take into his custody the bodies of persons taken in execution of writs of *capias ad satisfaciendum* issued on judgments rendered by a single magistrate, in cases where the judgment should not exceed twenty dollars.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That two petitions of sundry citizens of the State of Delaware, presented on the seventeenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and two, and thirty-first of January, one thousand eight hundred and three, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Seybert,

Ordered, That the petition of Philip Wilson, senior, of the city of Philadelphia, presented on the twelfth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the committee last mentioned.

Mr. Morrow presented three petitions from sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, to the same effect with a petition from sundry other inhabitants of the said State, presented on the twenty-seventh ultimo.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill respecting the commercial relations between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table: When,

On motion of Mr. Milnor, and seconded,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Friday next.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Graham, who delivered in the same and withdrew.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force, for a further time, the first section of an act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers." And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Elections, on the contested election of Jonathan Jennings: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, to recommit the said report to the Committee of Elections:

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Franklin have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for two weeks, from this day.

The message received yesterday, from the President of the United States, was read, and is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

The Director of the Mint having made to me his report of the operations of the Mint, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine, I lay the same before you for your information.

JAMES MADISON.

JANUARY 5, 1810.

Ordered, That the said message do lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Lewis, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-second ultimo, on a message from the President of the United States, communicating a report of the Surveyor of the Public Buildings, presented, according to order, a bill making further appropriations for completing the Capitol, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Lewis, from the same committee, also made an explanatory report; which was read, and committed to the same Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made a report on the petition of Levin Jones, referred to them the fifteenth ultimo; which was read, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Harry Caldwell and Amasa Jackson.

Mr. Hale presented a petition of Sampson Bell, of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, in behalf of himself and others, heirs and legal representatives of Thomas Bell, deceased, praying the restoration of a certain lot of land situated in New Castle, in the said State, which has been taken possession of by a military officer of the United States, for their use and benefit, and that a reasonable compensation may be made for the detention, or that they may be allowed a fair and just price for the purchase of the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. M'Kim,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Treasury be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Isaac Briggs, presented on the eighth instant, and that the same be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his report on the petition of Anthony Buck, referred to him on the fourth ultimo; which were read, and referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The Speaker also laid before the House petitions enclosed to him by the Secretary of the Treasury, from the following named persons, to wit: Hugh Smith, of the District of Columbia; Anthony Buck, of Virginia; Henry Woodward, of Virginia; James Jones, of North Carolina; Samuel Hunting, of New York; William Gaston, of Georgia; P. and N. Rogers, of Maryland; and J. P. White and W. A. Caldwell, of South Carolina; respectively praying to be released from the payment of the penalties incurred as securi-

ties to bonds to prevent violations of the acts laying and executing an embargo within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Tallmadge, from the committee appointed on that part of the President's message, at the commencement of the session, which relates to the organization of the militia of the United States, presented a bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of James M'Craken, referred on the twentieth ultimo; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, presented a bill for the relief of Richard Taylor; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Elizabeth Hamilton, referred on the fifth ultimo; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the joint resolution of the two Houses of Congress, respecting our foreign relations: And that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday.

The question depending at the time of adjournment, to wit: to recommit to the the Committee of Elections their report in the case of the contested election of Jonathan Jennings, was again stated:

And, after farther debate,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Goodwyn have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for two weeks, from Friday last.

Mr. J. Porter presented a petition of Callender Irvine, Superintendent of Military Stores, praying an augmentation of his salary, in consequence of the great increase of the duties of his office.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Sheffey, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report, so far as the same has not already been done, whether moneys drawn from the Treasury between the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and one, and the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine, have been faithfully applied to the objects for which they were appropriated, and whether the same have been regularly accounted for.

Ordered, That Mr. Sheffey, Mr. W. Alston, Mr. Milnor, Mr. Moseley, Mr. Shaw, Mr. John Brown, and Mr. Morrow, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road leading from the towns of Kingston, in Roane county, by Washington, the place of holding Court in Rhea county, by the place of holding Court in Bledsoe county, by Franklin Court House, by Madison Court House, by Lincoln Court House, by Giles Court House, to the town of Columbia, in Maury county, all in the State of Tennessee, Madison excepted.

On motion of Mr. P. B. Porter,

Ordered, That the petition of the Chiefs and Head Men of the Chippewa, Ottawa, Wyandott, and Pottawattamie nations of Indians, presented on the twenty-fifth of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Campbell presented a representation of Neale H. Shaw, of the State of Maryland, containing a method of ascertaining the regular variation of the magnetic needle, by the establishment of a true astronomical meridian, and soliciting the patronage of Congress in relation thereto.

Ordered, That the said representation be referred to Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Turner, Mr. Gold, Mr. Breckenridge, Mr. M'Kee, Mr. Goldsborough, and Mr. Troup, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Fisk,

Ordered, That the petition of Pattin Jackson, presented on the twenty-sixth of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force, for a further time, the first section of an act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers."

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday.

The question depending at the time of adjournment, to wit: to recommit to the Committee of Elections their report in the case of the contested election of Jonathan Jennings, was again stated: Whereupon,

Mr. Livermore withdrew his motion to recommit as aforesaid.

The question then recurred upon concurring with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the resolution submitted by the Committee of Elections, in the words following:

"*Resolved*, That the election held for a delegate to Congress for the Indiana Territory, on the twenty-second of May, one thousand eight hundred and nine, being without authority of law, is void; and, consequently, the seat of Jonathan Jennings, as a delegate for that Territory, hereby declared to be vacant."

A motion was made by Mr. W. Alston, and seconded, to amend the said resolution, by striking out the words, "being without authority of law:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The main question was then taken upon concurring with the Committee of the Whole House in the said resolution,

And determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 30, Nays ..... 83.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cox,
William Findley,
Barzillai Gannett,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Edwin Gray,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Thomas Newton,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
John Taylor,

Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Weakley,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
John Davenport, junior,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Aaron Lyle,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
John Nicholson,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

A motion was then made by Mr. W. Alston, and seconded, that the said report and resolution therein contained, be recommitted to the Committee of Elections:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Graham, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force, for a further time, the first section of an act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers."

Mr. Graham also delivered two messages, in writing; which were read, and are as follow:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to the House of Representatives the report of the Secretary of State on the subject of their resolution of the third instant.

JAMES MADISON.

JANUARY 12, 1810.

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to the House of Representatives the report of the Secretary of State on the subject of their resolution of the sixth of December last.

JAMES MADISON.

JANUARY 12, 1810.

Ordered, That the said messages and accompanying documents do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Livermore, and seconded,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, regulations are necessary to expedite the printing ordered by the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That Mr. Eppes, Mr. Quincy, and Mr. Macon, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1810.

Two other members, to wit: from New York, Gurdon S. Mumford, and from Kentucky, Matthew Lyon, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of John Thompson, praying to be allowed a grant of land in consideration of services rendered as an officer in the Revolutionary army.

Mr. Moore, of Maryland, presented a petition of Samuel Mims, of the Mississippi Territory, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, to be confirmed in his title to a certain tract of land containing sixteen hundred acres, lying on the Tombigbee river, in the said Territory.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Seybert,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry ship owners, and others, residing in the city of Philadelphia, presented on the twenty-first of February last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, presented several petitions from sundry inhabitants of the Territory of Louisiana, to the same effect with a petition from sundry other inhabitants of said Territory, presented on the sixth instant; which were referred to the committee appointed, on the sixth instant, on the said petition.

Mr. Taggart presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Hampshire county, State of Massachusetts, praying the establishment of a post route from Greenfield, through Shelburne, Charlemont, Florida, and Adams, to Williamstown, in said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Emott presented a petition of Najah Taylor and Nathaniel Richards, on behalf of themselves and Gustavus Upson, merchants, of the city of New York, trading under the firm of Richards, Upson, and Company, praying to be exonerated from the payment of a bond for double duties, imposed by the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury upon certain goods imported from France into the port of New York, during the last year, in innocent contravention of "An act to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies."

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Sturges,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Bradley, presented on the twelfth of June last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Ordered, That the petition of the messengers to the Departments of State, Treasury War, and Navy, presented on the ninth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House proceeded to consider the bill respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes, together with the amendments of the Committee of the Whole House to the same: When it was,

On motion of Mr. Burwell, and seconded,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said bill and amendments be postponed until to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to deprive, in certain cases, vessels of their American character, and to prevent, under certain disabilities, any citizen of the United States taking a license from any foreign Power to navigate the ocean, or trade with any other foreign or independent Power; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report such rules and orders as are proper to be observed in this House; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein, and directed him to ask to sit again.

The question was then stated, "Shall the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said report?"

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1810.

Another member, to wit: from South Carolina, Richard Winn, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made a report on the petition of Jeremiah Reynolds, referred to them on the eleventh ultimo; which was read, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Harry Caldwell and Amasa Jackson.

Mr. Quincy presented two petitions of sundry inhabitants of the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, praying for the establishment of a post route from Newport, in Rhode Island, to Boston, and that post offices may be established on the said route in Troy and Freetown, in Massachusetts.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Love, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Haymarket, in Prince William county, by Gibson's store, in Fauquier county, to Fauquier Court House, and that the same committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the post route from Fauquier Court House to Paris.

On motion of Mr. Weakley, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road leading from the town of Charlotte, in Dickson county, to the place of holding court in Hickman county, in the State of Tennessee.

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road leading from the Court House, in Wayne county, in the State of Kentucky, by Monroe, in Overton county, in the State of Tennessee, by White Plains post office, by White Court House, by Warren Court House, by Bedford Court House, to Columbia, in Maury county.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Greensville, by Brook's ferry, on Contentney creek, to Kingston, and to return by Hooker's bridge: also, a post road from Tarborough, by Stanton's bridge, to Waynesborough, and to return by Cobbs: likewise, into the expediency of extending the post road from Woodstock, by Germantown, to the Lake Landing in Mattamuskeet: and, also, into the expediency of establishing a mail to be carried by water from Shellcastle island, by Juniper bay, to the mills near Mattamuskeet lake, all in the State of North Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petitions of the officers of the navy presented on the twentieth of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the message of the President of the United States, at the commencement of the session, which relates to the Naval Establishment.

On motion of Mr. Quincy,

Ordered, That the report of the Comptroller of the Treasury, in relation to unsettled accounts and balances, made to this House on the first ultimo, be referred to Mr. Quincy, Mr. Mumford, Mr. Bard, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Burwell, to consider and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Moseley, from the committee appointed, on the second instant, on the petition of Daniel Pettibone, made a report thereon; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Secretary of the Navy on the petition of John Davis and Mary East, referred to him on the sixth instant; which was read, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting his report on the petition of Mary Piercy, referred to him on the fifth instant; which were read, and referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Morrow presented two petitions from sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, to the same effect with a petition from sundry other inhabitants of the said State, presented on the twenty-seventh instant.

Mr. Troup presented a petition of Charles Sanguinet, of the Territory of Louisiana, praying for permission to have recorded in the proper office the evidences of title to a certain tract of land in said Territory, which have been transferred to him by the original grantee, and which evidences of title were mislaid and not recovered until the expiration of the time allowed to record the same.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The House proceeded to consider the unfinished business of yesterday.

The question depending at the time of adjournment, to wit: Shall the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the report of the committee appointed to prepare and report such rules and orders as are proper to be observed in the House, was again stated:

And the same being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

The House then proceeded to consider the report of the select committee: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Dawson, and seconded, to amend the same by striking out so much thereof as is contained in the following words:

"The previous question shall be in this form: 'Shall the main question be now put?' It shall only be admitted when demanded by one-fifth of the members present, and, if decided in the affirmative, shall be instantly put, without amendment or further debate; but, if decided in the negative, the business shall progress as if the previous question had not been called.

"On a previous question there shall be no debate"—for the purpose of inserting the following:

"The previous question shall be admitted when demanded by one-fifth of the members present, and shall be taken without debate; it shall be in this form: 'Shall the main question be taken?' If decided in the negative, the debate thereon shall cease; if decided in the affirmative, the business shall progress as if the previous question had not been called."

A division of the question on the said amendment was called for by Mr. Nelson, and the same being seconded,

The question was stated that the House do agree to so much of the said amendment as proposes to strike out the words before recited:

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1810.

A new member, to wit: David S. Garland, returned to serve as a member of this House for the State of Virginia, in the place of Wilson Carey Nicholas, resigned, ap-

peared, produced his credentials, and took his seat; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee appointed on the first of December last, presented a bill extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of Madison county, in the Mississippi Territory; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Daniel Bradley, referred on the fifteenth instant; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Margaret Lapsley, referred on the ninth instant; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, presented a bill for the relief of Isaac Briggs; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of James Moynihan, legal heir and representative of Morgan Connor, deceased, praying to be allowed and paid the arrearages of pay and depreciation due for the services of the deceased as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sammons presented a petition of Peter Sternberg, of the State of New York, praying to be allowed a reasonable reward for the discovery of a preventative to the ruinous effects of what is usually termed the "smut" in the growth of wheat.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Sammons, Mr. Heister, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Roane, and Mr. Lemuel J. Alston, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Gold, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the state of the public arsenal at West Point, in the State of New York, and the condition of the public property there deposited, and to consider the means necessary for the security and preservation thereof: and, also, to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for ascertaining and settling the controverted boundary of the public land at said place; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Gold, Mr. Milnor, Mr. Gholson, Mr. Blaisdell, and Mr. M'Bryde, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented a bill for the benefit of seamen of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Fisk, and seconded,

Resolved, That the committee, to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the fortifications of the ports and harbors of the United States, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repairing the fortifications at West Point; and that they have leave to report thereon to this House by bill, or otherwise.

A motion was made by Mr. Burwell, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be instructed to inquire into the manner in which the contract with the Clerk for supplying this House with stationery has been executed; and, also, into the expediency of changing the present mode of supplying the members, so far as to furnish, at the commencement of every future session, to each member a quantity of stationery, not exceeding ——— dollars in value.

A division of the question upon the said resolution was called for, by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and the same being seconded,

The question was taken that the House do agree to the first member of the said resolution contained within the same, to the word "executed," inclusive,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then taken upon agreeing to the residue of the resolution aforesaid,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 110, Nays .... 8.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Cox,
Samuel W. Dana,
William Ely,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

On motion of Mr. Livermore, and seconded,

Ordered, That the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday be postponed until to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to deprive, in certain cases, vessels of their American character, and to prevent, under certain disabilities, any citizen of the United States taking a license from any foreign Power, to navigate the ocean, or trade with any other foreign or independent Power; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Harry Caldwell and Amasa Jackson; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which were read, and, on the question put thereon, severally agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Helms,

The title of the said bill was amended, by adding to the ends thereof the words, "and others."

Ordered, That the said bill, as amended, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of John N. Stout; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the removal of slaves from one part of the District of Columbia to another; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then amended at the Clerk's table, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary for the Department of War be directed to lay before this House a general account of the returns of the respective quotas of the last detachment of a hundred thousand militia, required by the President of the United States, in pursuance of the act respecting the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1810.

Mr. Wheaton presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to the same effect with two petitions from sundry other inhabitants of the said States, presented the sixteenth instant.

Mr. Taggart presented two petitions, one from sundry inhabitants of the county of Cayuga, the other from sundry inhabitants of Onondago county, State of New York, to the same effect with a petition of sundry other inhabitants of the said county of Onondago, presented on the second instant.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting

a report of the names and salaries of the Clerks employed in the War Department during last the year; which were read, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Bacon, from the committee appointed on the eleventh December, presented, according to order, a bill for the encouragement of learning, and for the promotion of the useful arts; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Bassett presented a petition of Bartholomew Mears, of the State of Virginia, praying to be allowed a grant of land, in consideration of services rendered as a seaman in the service of the State of Virginia, during the Revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Key presented a petition of Robert Brent, Paymaster to the army of the United States, praying an increase of the compensation attached to the office of Paymaster aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Findley, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the propriety of vacating the post road from Beula, by Armagh, Black Lick and New Alexandria, to Greensburg, and of extending the post road from Beula, by Indiana, to Kittaning, and also of directing the post road from Greensburg to Kittaning to go by New Alexandria, in Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of extending the post road from Somerset, by Staystown, to Beula, in Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House copies of the orders or instructions issued under the present or any former Administration, with respect to foreign armed ships or vessels, of whatever description, being within waters of the United States; excepting such parts as may, in his judgment, be improper for public communication.

Ordered, That Mr. Dana and Mr. Garland be appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President.

Mr. Love, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act for the establishment of a turnpike company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of Nathaniel Goodwin, and others, of the State of Connecticut, heirs and representatives of Nathaniel Goodwin, deceased, praying to be allowed the pay and other emoluments due for the services of the deceased, as a captain in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bacon presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Columbia county, in the State of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route over the Union turnpike road, from New Lebanon to the city of Hudson, in the said county.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

A motion was made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, to rescind the vote taken yesterday upon a resolution proposed by him:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary for the Department of War be directed to lay before this House a general account of the returns of the respective quotas of the two last detachments of one hundred thousand militia, including volunteers, required of the several States and Territories by the President of the United States, in pursuance of the law respecting such detachments:

And the question thereon being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Ordered, That the petition of the vestry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Alexandria, presented on the twelfth of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to Mr. Bassett, Mr. Taggart, and Mr. Bard, to consider and report thereon to the House.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Harry Caldwell and Amasa Jackson, and others, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Harry Caldwell and Amasa Jackson, Jeremiah Reynolds and Levin Jones."

An engrossed bill for the relief of John N. Stout was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of John N. Stout."

An engrossed bill to authorize the removal of slaves from one part of the District of Columbia to another was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the removal of slaves from one part of the District of Columbia to another."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bills to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the Committee of the Whole House to the bill respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes, and the same, together with the said bill, being again read at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, to amend the said bill, by striking out the fifth section thereof.

Mr. Speaker decided that the said motion was not in order, until after the consideration of the amendments reported by the Committee of the Whole House.

From which decision of the Chair, an appeal was made to the House by Mr. Livermore, and the same being seconded,

The question was taken, "Is the decision of the chair correct?"

And determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Livermore, to strike out the fifth section of the bill:

And the same being taken,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 50, Nays ..... 72.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Barent Gardenier,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Adam Seybert,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Edwin Gray,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Jacob Swoope,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

The question upon concurring with the Committee of the Whole House in their amendments to the said bill, was then taken and agreed to by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, further to amend the bill by striking out the twelfth section thereof:

And debate arising,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1810.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented a bill to prevent the issuing of sea-letters, except to certain vessels; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Love, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented a bill to authorize a jail to be built in the county of Alexandria; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Holland,

Ordered, That the petition of Frederick Sponcelar, presented on the twelfth of June last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Morrow presented a petition of Elisha Winters, of the city of New Orleans, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, to be confirmed in his title to certain lots, or parcels of land lying within the said city.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Van Horn presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Alexandria county, in the District of Columbia, stating the many inconveniences to which they are exposed in consequence of the defects in the law applicable to the collection of promissory notes; the law which protects real estate from liability to the payment of debts; the law which provides that executions shall not issue from one county to another; the law for the relief of insolvent debtors; and the law relating to interest upon bonds, notes, and accounts; and praying that such amendments may be made in the said acts as are therein suggested, or such others as to the wisdom of Congress shall appear advisable and expedient.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of the trustees of the Academy at Stephensburg, Frederick county, Virginia, referred to them on the ninth instant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

A motion was made by Mr. Burwell, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized immediately to employ the public armed vessels for the purpose of convoying and protecting the ships and vessels, the property of citizens of the United States, laden with goods of their growth, produce, or manufacture, and not contraband of war, in their trade to and from ports open for their reception by the regulations of the Government under whose jurisdiction they are situated, and not being actually blockaded or invested by a competent force: *Provided*, such Government shall not have in force edicts or decrees against neutral commerce; and that the owners and crews of merchant vessels, owned, laden, or destined as aforesaid, be permitted to associate and arm for their defence against illegal capture and molestation, under such regulations as shall be prescribed by law.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following be added to the standing rules and orders of the House:

"That Friday, in each week, be set apart for the consideration of reports and bills originating from petition."

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table for the space of one day.

Mr. Dana, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States the resolution agreed to yesterday, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President was pleased to assure the committee that attention should be paid to the subject.

Mr. Lyon presented a petition of James Coughran, of Caldwell county, in the State of Kentucky, praying relief in consideration of a wound received whilst a soldier in the Western army, commanded by General Wayne.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from the consideration of the petition of William Gamble.

On motion of Mr. Lyon, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the propriety of extending a post road from St. Genevieve to Mine a Burton and Herculaneum, to St. Louis, and from New Madrid to Little Prairie, in the Territory of Louisiana.

A motion was made by Mr. Jennings, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee to whom were referred petitions of the citizens of the Indiana Territory, praying for an extension of their right of suffrage, be directed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing and directing the Executive authorities of the several States and Territories of the United States, respectively, to deliver, upon

demand, any person or persons who shall have been charged with any crime or crimes, and who shall have fled from the Territory of Indiana, in which they shall have been charged, and who shall be found in any of the States, or in any other Territory of the United States, to the Executive of the Indiana Territory, to be removed into the said Territory for trial; and that the said committee have leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

The said resolution was read, and, on motion, the farther consideration thereof postponed until Tuesday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday.

The question depending and undetermined at the time of adjournment, to wit: to strike out the twelfth section of the bill respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes, (which said section limits the duration of the proposed act) was again stated:

And debate arising thereon,

Mr. Key, one of the members from the State of Maryland, was addressing the Chair, when he was called to order by Mr. Sheffey, one of the members from Virginia, who alleged "that he thought the gentleman from Maryland out of order, because he says his object is to shew that there are features in the bill which ought not to be adopted, and, consequently, that the bill ought not to be unlimited, and therefore the amendment ought not to prevail."

Mr. Speaker then decided, that he conceived the range of argument taken by the gentleman from Maryland to be out of the order of debate upon the question under the consideration of the House.

From which decision of the Chair, an appeal was made to the House by Mr. Key, and the same being seconded,

The question was taken, "Is the decision of the Chair correct?"

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 68, / Nays ..... 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
William Chamberlin,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cox,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Taylor,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Rhea, to strike out the twelfth section of the bill:

And the same being taken,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 26, Nays ..... 102.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
William Crawford,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
Barent Gardenier,
David S. Garland,
Edwin Gray,
Benjamin Howard,
Matthew Lyon,
Alexander M'Kim,
Thomas Moore,
Roger Nelson,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
James Cox,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,

Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

The said twelfth section being then read at the Clerk's table in the words following, to wit:

"Section 12. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue in force until the end of the next session of Congress, and no longer."

A motion was made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, to amend the said section, by striking out the word "*next*," for the purpose of inserting the word "present:"

And the question thereon being taken,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 54, Nays ..... 71.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.

Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Adam Seybert,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman.

Those who voted in the negative, are;

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Barent Gardenier,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

And then the several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1810.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Eppes, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented a bill making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and ten; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Eppes, from the same committee, presented a bill making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and ten; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Eppes, from the same committee, also presented a bill making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. S. Smith presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Harmony, in Butler county, Pennsylvania, praying that the post route from Pittsburg to the town of Butler, may be so altered as to pass through the said town of Harmony.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to the same effect with petitions from sundry other inhabitants of the said States, presented on the sixteenth instant.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of the Chiefs and Headmen of the Chippewa, Ottawa, Wyandott, and Pattawatamie nations of Indians, referred on the twelfth instant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted."

Mr. Van Horn presented a petition of Rebecca Hodgson, William B. Hodgson, and Joseph Hodgson, of the city of Washington, widow and orphan children of Joseph Hodgson, deceased, praying to be compensated for the loss of a house situated in said city, which was consumed by fire whilst in the occupancy of the United States as an office for the War Department.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday.

And the question being stated from the Chair, "Shall the bill respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes, be engrossed for a third reading?"

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, to amend the said bill by inserting a new section therein, to come in as section twelfth; which said section is as follows:

And be it further enacted, That the operation of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth sections be suspended until the first day of January next:

And the question so to amend being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Mumford to amend the bill, by inserting, after the tenth section, the two following sections:

And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause the armed vessels of the United States to be held in readiness to protect and defend, by convoy, the merchant ships and vessels belonging to the citizens of the United States, and navigated wholly by citizens of the United States, loaded with the articles of the growth, produce, and manufacture, of the United States and Territories thereof, contraband of war excepted, bound to such foreign ports or places as have no decrees violating the lawful commerce of the United States.

And be it further enacted, That the citizens of the United States who shall put their ships or vessels under protection or convoy of the armed vessel or vessels of the United States, shall be permitted to arm in their defence, and for the better security of the property of the citizens of the United States, it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, and he is hereby authorized to require the collectors of the customs in the several ports of the United States to receive from the owners of the ships or vessels and their cargoes, belonging to the citizens of the United States, such proof of the property loaded as aforesaid; and in case the said property loaded on board the said vessel shall be satisfactorily proven to the collector of the port from whence the vessel shall depart, to be of the growth, produce, and manufacture, of the United States, or Territories thereof, contraband of war excepted, belonging wholly to the citizens of the United States, the said collector shall deliver the proofs of the property so loaded on board of the respective vessels, with a certificate under his hand and seal, that he is satisfied with the proofs exhibited to him; the whole of which he shall deliver to the commander of such ship or vessel as the President of the United States may designate for that purpose.

A motion was then made by Mr. Montgomery, and seconded, to amend the bill, by inserting the following section :

And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the President of the United States, and he is hereby authorized, to give instructions to the armed vessels thereof, to seize any vessel or vesssls evading or violating this law, and to bring the same into any port of the United States, or the Territories thereof, for adjudication.

A motion was made by Mr. Milnor, and seconded, that the said bill be recommitted to a select committee, with instructions to divide the same, by introducing the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and twelfth sections into a separate bill.

A division of the question upon the said motion to recommit was called for by Mr. Gholson :

And the question being stated, that the House do agree to so much of the same as is contained within the first member thereof, to wit : "That the said bill be recommitted to a select committee :"

And the said motion being under debate,

Mr. Eppes, one of the members from Virginia, was addressing the chair, when he was called to order by Mr. Sheffey, another of the members from Virginia, for asserting that the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. Smilie, declared that his friends were determined if he would not go with them in war measures they would not go with him in any other; which declaration was out of order, and was so declared. In answer to this, the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. Eppes, rose to explain; stated that he was a farmer, and all his interest against war.

Mr. Speaker decided, that he conceived the range of debate taken by the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. Eppes, was not within the order of debate upon the question under the consideration of the House :

From which decision of the Chair an appeal was made to the House, and the same being seconded ;

The question was taken, "Is the decision of the Chair correct ?"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question then recurred on the first member of the motion made by Mr. Milnor.

And the same being taken,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 59, Nays ..... 61.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
James Breckenridge,
William A. Burwell,
John C. Chamberlain,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Samuel W. Dana,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
John W. Eppes,
Jonathan Fisk,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Vincent Matthews,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee,*
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Adam Seybert,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,

Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Howell Cobb,
James Cox,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
William Findley,
Barzillai Gannett,
Barent Gardenier,
Gideon Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasaat M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Ezekiel Whitman,
Robert Witherspoon.

Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
Jacob Swoope,
John Taylor,
Charles Turner, junior,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.
And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1810.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of the Washington Navy Yard Mechanical Society, signed by their committee, praying that an act may be passed for the purpose of incorporating the said society.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution proposed by him on Friday last; and the same being again read, in the following words, to wit:

Resolved, That the following be added to the standing rules and orders of the House:

"That Friday in each week be set apart for the consideration of reports and bills originating from petition."

The question was taken that the House do agree thereto,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 88, Nays .... 15.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jr.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,

John C. Chamberlain,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Aaron Lyle,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jr.
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James Breckenridge,
John W. Eppes,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Thomas Kenan,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
John Montgomery,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
John Taylor,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House, by the proper Department, a return of the army of the United States, specifying the particular force of each regiment and corps, with the destination of the principal officers commanding the same: and particularly the condition of that detachment of the regular force allotted for the defence of New Orleans; the number sent there; the different dispositions which have been made of that detachment, and the present effective force of the same; with such other information as he may deem necessary to communicate respecting the state of the army.

Ordered, That Mr. Newton and Mr. Shaw be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President.

On motion of Mr. Hale,

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Richardson, presented on the twenty-fourth of June last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to in-

quire into the propriety of adopting any legislative provision respecting the extent of the *maritime precincts* of the United States, and the safeguard of navigation within the same; and whether, in addition to the existing provision against captures within a maritime league from any part of the shores of the United States, it would be proper, by law, to authorize the President of the United States, for the benefit of the commercial interests or revenue thereof, after reasonable notification, to prohibit foreign armed ships or vessels from seizing or molesting any vessels employed in the coasting trade, or merchant vessels bound to or from the United States, whenever the same may be in any of the roadsteads of the United States, or in any other waters within sight of land, and within a line extending from one cape or headland to another, along the coasts of the United States; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the propriety of making any supplemental or amendatory provision, by law, for completing a survey in which shall be designated the islands and shoals, with the roadsteads of the United States, and the courses and distances respectively between headlands, together with any other matters proper for an accurate chart of the coasts within twenty leagues from the shores of the United States, as agreed and declared by the definitive treaty of peace, in seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and, also, for making examinations and observations with respect to St. George's Bank, and any other bank or shoal, and the soundings and currents beyond the distance aforesaid, to the Gulf stream; and that the committee have leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, and seconded,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform this House whether any, and, if any, what, steps have been taken by the Executive Department of the Government to obtain for the citizens of the United States residing on the waters of Tombigbee and Alabama rivers, the free navigation of the Mobile river to its confluence with the ocean; and, also, what amount of duty is demanded by the Spanish Government at the town of Mobile, on articles of the growth or manufacture of the United States, which are conveyed to said river to and from the city of New Orleans.

Ordered, That Mr. Poindexter and Mr. Poydras be appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Burwell, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution proposed by him on Friday last; and the same being again read, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized immediately to employ the public armed vessels for the purpose of convoying and protecting the ships and vessels the property of citizens of the United States, laden with goods of their growth, produce, or manufacture, and not contraband of war, in their trade to and from ports open for their reception, by the regulations of the Government under whose jurisdiction they are situated, and not being actually blockaded or invested by a competent force: *Provided*, such Government shall not have in force edicts or decrees against neutral commerce, and that the owners and crews of merchant vessels owned, laden, or destined, as aforesaid, be permitted to associate and arm for their defence against illegal capture and molestation, under such regulations as shall be prescribed by law:

A motion was made and seconded that the said resolution be referred to the consideration of a select committee:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas .... 100, / Nays .... 18.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,

William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Thomas R. Gold,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
John G. Jackson,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Ezekiel Whitman,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
William Crawford,
Gideon Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
James Holland,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Richard Stanford,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson.

Ordered, That Mr. Burwell, Mr. Pickman, Mr. J. C. Chamberlain, Mr. P. B. Porter, Mr. Richards, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Howard, be the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Findley,

Ordered, That the memorial of sundry inhabitants of the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, presented on the thirtieth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, from the committee appointed on the sixth instant, presented a bill further to provide for the Government of the Territory of Louisiana; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Emott presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of New York, praying that the mode of trial by jury, as established by the laws of the several States, may be established and enforced in the Courts of the United States; or at least, that the

same may be established and enforced in the Courts of the United States, held within the State of New York.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Emott, Mr. Gholson, Mr. M'Kee, Mr. Bacon, and Mr. Ross, with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Fisk presented a petition of Peter Pedesclaux, of the city of New Orleans, by Edward Livingston, his attorney, praying to be indemnified for the loss of an estate for life, which he held in the office of Notary Public and Recorder of Mortgages for the Province of Louisiana, purchased from the Spanish Government of that Province, of which office he has been deprived by order of the present Governor of the Territory of Orleans.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Fisk, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Key, and Mr. Jones, to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereon, to the House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, who delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes.

The question recurred upon agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Mumford on Saturday last, before recited: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker declared that the said amendment was not now in order, as the subject-matter contained within the same was already referred to the consideration of a select committee.

The question then recurred upon agreeing to the amendment proposed to the said bill by Mr. Montgomery, on Saturday last, which said amendment was then modified by the mover to read in the following words, to wit:

And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the President of the United States, and he is hereby authorized, to give instructions to the armed vessels thereof to seize any French or British vessel or vessels evading or violating this law, and to bring the same into any port of the United States, or the territories thereof, for adjudication.

A motion was made by Mr. Sheffey, to amend the said motion by adding, to the end thereof, the following:

"*Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall authorize the capture or search of any foreign vessel without the jurisdiction of the United States."

And the question thereon being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken that the House do agree to the said amendment of Mr. Montgomery, as above recited,

And determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 47, Nays ..... 76.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,

George Smith,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,

Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
James Cochran,
Henry Crist,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Barent Gardenier,
Gideon Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Thomas Newbold,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Ebenezer Sage,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

No other amendment being proposed to the said bill, the question recurred upon engrossing the same for a third reading: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Mumford, and seconded, that the farther consideration thereof be postponed until the third Monday in February next:

And the question thereon being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

The question upon engrossing the said bill again recurred: When,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1810.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of New York, to the same effect with a petition presented yesterday from sundry other inhabitants of the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed yesterday on the petition aforesaid.

The message received yesterday, from the President of the United States, was read, and is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I now transmit to Congress an account of the contingent expenditures of Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine.

JAMES MADISON.

JANUARY 22, 1810.

Ordered, That the said message be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of John Thomson, referred on the second instant; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Chittenden presented a petition of Nathaniel Gove, of the State of Vermont, praying for an increase of pension.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Holland,

Ordered, That the petition of Mary Miller and Anne Hampton, presented on the thirtieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the fitting out, officering, and manning, the frigates belonging to the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The President of the United States approved and signed, on the twelfth instant, the joint resolution of the two Houses, which originated in the Senate, relating to official correspondence between the Secretary of State and Francis J. Jackson, Minister Plenipotentiary of his Britannic Majesty.

A motion was made by Mr. Eppes, and seconded, that the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday be postponed until to-morrow:

And the question thereon being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

The House then resumed the consideration of the unfinished business.

The question depending and undetermined at the time of adjournment, to wit: "that the bill respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes," be engrossed for a third reading, was again stated, and the same being further amended at the Clerk's table,

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1810.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting copies of instructions to the Collectors of the Cusoms, in obedience to an order of the House of the eighth instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gardner presented a petition of Stephen Ryder, jun. of the State of Massachusetts, praying to be allowed and paid the bounty granted by law to the owners of fishing vessels in the case of the schooner Friendship, of Chatham, in the State aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Ordered, That the several memorials and petitions of the officers of the late Revolutionary army, presented in December, one thousand eight hundred and eight, and January, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to Mr. Nelson, Mr. Winn, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Desha, and Mr. Hufty, to consider and report thereon to the House.

On motion of Mr. Turner,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Bridgewater, State of Massachusetts, presented on the eighth of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Bassett, from the committee appointed on the seventeenth instant, presented a bill for incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Witherspoon,

Ordered, That the petition of Alexander Scott, of the State of South Carolina, presented on the second of January, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Emott, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the village of Ithaca, in the county of Seneca, in the State of New York, to the town of Ovid in the same county.

Mr. Van Horn presented a petition of Henley M'Farlane, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of wounds received whilst a soldier in the Western army commanded by Generals St. Clair and Wayne.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Morrow, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the propriety of establishing a port of entry either at the mouth of the river Huron or Sandusky bay, in the State of Ohio, and a port of entry at Oswegatche, in the State of New York, and also, of changing the name of the District of Erie in the State of Ohio, to that of Cayahoga; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of John M'Coy, referred on the fourth ultimo; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted."

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Theophilus Colby, referred on the twenty-seventh ultimo; which was read: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Milnor, that the said report be referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

And the question thereon being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

The resolution contained in the report was then again read, and concurred in by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition ought *not* to be granted."

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Sampson Bell, referred on the eleventh instant; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the fitting out, officering, and manning, the frigates belonging to the United States, was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed a report, in part, of the Committee on the Naval Establishment of the United States, on the expediency of putting into actual service any part of the naval armament not now employed.

Mr. Newton, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States a resolution of the twenty-second instant, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered that he would comply with the request of the House.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States a resolution of the twenty-second instant, requesting information in relation to a duty exacted by the Spanish Government at the town of Mobile, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered that he would comply with the request of the House.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday.

The question depending at the time of adjournment, to wit: "Shall the bill respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes, be engrossed for a third reading?" was again stated:

And after farther debate thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1810.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of moneys paid during the last year, on account of miscellane-

ous claims not otherwise provided for, and a statement of contracts made during the same year, by or under his direction; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smilie presented a petition of Sarah Meredith, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying, on account of her extreme indigence, to be refunded the sum of three hundred and twenty dollars, which was paid by her late husband Ezekiel Griffin, deceased, in part payment for a tract of land purchased at public sale by the said Griffin, and which tract of land has become forfeited on account of the non-payment of the residue of the purchase money, and again sold at public sale.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. J. G. Jackson,

Ordered, That the memorial of Return J. Meigs, junior, and others, witnesses against Aaron Burr at his late trial in Richmond, presented on the ninth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to Mr. J. G. Jackson, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Lyon, to consider and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Cutts presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Cornish, county of York, and District of Maine, praying that the mail route from Limington, to Limerick, may be so altered as to pass through the centre of said town, and that a post office may be established therein.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Ordered, That the petition of William Hastings, presented on the twenty first of November, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Ordered, That the petition of Mary Gresham, presented on the nineteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Gannett presented a petition of the Collectors of the Customs for the ports of Passamaquoddy, Machias, and Frenchman's Bay, and the Sheriff of Washington county, in the District of Maine, praying that an additional term or terms of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine may be established, to be holden at the towns of Castine, or Machias, for the convenience and benefit of the inhabitants of the said District.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Gannett, Mr. Gardenier, and Mr. G. Smith, to consider and report thereon to the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is proper by law to establish permanent regulations applicable to cases of merchant vessels allowed to be armed for defence in voyages which may be permitted to ports of the West Indies, or coasts of the Atlantic ocean, or the Mediterranean, or Baltic sea, and accordingly to provide for the furnishing of such letters of permission, or other documentary evidence, as may be proper to manifest the defensive character of the armament allowed, and at the same time, by law, to require securities for the vessels respectively, that they shall not proceed to any port known to be actually blockaded, nor carry articles contraband of war to the dominion of a belligerent Power, nor violate the laws or treaties of the United States, or the rules of public law by the United States acknowledged, but will observe the instructions which may be given by the President of the United States, for preventing any such violation, and that satisfaction shall be made for all damages and injuries, if any should be committed in contravention thereof.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-seventh ultimo, to inquire into the expediency of allowing an additional Judge to the Mississippi Territory, to reside in Madison county, made a report thereon; which was read, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of Madison county, in the Mississippi Territory.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from the consideration of the memorial of William Lambert, and that the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth instant, on the petition of Neal H. Shaw.

On motion of Mr. M'Kim, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to this House his opinion relative to the sufficiency of the muskets furnished for the use of the United States, marked "Springfield."

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday.

The question depending and undetermined at the time of adjournment, to wit: "Shall the bill respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes, be engrossed for a third reading," being again stated;

A motion was made by Mr. Montgomery, to amend the said bill by inserting, after the eighth section thereof, the following section:

Section 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to give instructions to the commanders of the armed vessels in the service of the United States, to seize within the United States, or within four leagues of the coast thereof, any vessel, for evasions or violations of this law, and to bring the same into any port of the United States, or the Territories thereof, for adjudication:

And the question being taken upon the said amendment,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas .... 73, / Nays ..... 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,

William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Adam Seybert,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

The question then again recurred upon engrossing the bill,
And the same being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 72, Nays ..... 55.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Barent Gardenier,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Edwin Gray,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jr.
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
William Crawford,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Vincent Matthews,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Adam Seybert,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
George M Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a third time on Saturday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1810.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Thomas Rowse, praying to be allowed and paid the arrearages of pay and rations, due for his services as a lieutenant in the Maryland line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Findley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town and county of Indiana, State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route through the said town.

Mr. Findley also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Cambria and Somerset, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route from Somersettown to Ebensburg.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, presented a bill for the benefit of the estate of Samuel G. East; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Samuel Eddy, referred on the second instant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition."

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of John Dutill, referred on the twenty-eighth ultimo; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted."

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Casper Rouse, referred on the first instant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition."

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Pattin Jackson, referred on the twelfth instant; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Davenport, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the town of New Milford, through Kent and Cornwall, to Sharon, in the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Bartholomew Mears, referred on the eighteenth instant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition."

Mr. Van Rensselaer presented a petition of John Lester, praying to be allowed and paid the arrearages of pay due for his services as quarter gunner, on board of the United States' brig "Hornet."

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Navy, to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Morrow, and seconded,

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the President of the United States to employ a person to compile a digest of such laws of the United States, resolutions of the Congress under the Confederation, and proclamations, as have relation to the public lands, and to provide for the printing of ——— copies.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of Madison county, in the Mississippi Territory; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. W. Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which were read at the Clerk's table, and, on the question severally put thereon, concurred in by the House.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Jared Shattuck; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. W. Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which was read, and, on the question put thereon, concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend certain privileges therein mentioned, to Joseph Joshua Deyster;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. W. Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which were read at the Clerk's table, and, on the question severally put thereon, concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be read the third time on Tuesday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the discharge of William Hawkins from his imprisonment; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. W. Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Isaac Briggs; and, after some spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. W. Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The question was then taken, "Shall the bill be engrossed, and read a third time?"

And determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

A motion was made by Mr. Stanley, and seconded, that when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

And then the several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1810.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting his report on the petition of Henley McFarlane, referred to him on the twenty-fourth instant; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Morrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Thompson, referred on the fifteenth instant, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Morrow presented a petition of the widow and heirs of the late Jeremiah Duggan, deceased, by Peter Mills, their agent, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, to be permitted to cancel a certificate for a half section of land granted to them under the act for the relief of the refugees from Canada and Nova Scotia; and that another certificate may issue to them, to be located on any unlocated land belonging to the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Haven presented a petition of Luke M. Laighton, of the State of New Hampshire, praying to be remunerated for his trouble and expense in the construction of an improved travelling carriage for cannon, which said improvement is now in use in the army of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. J. C. Chamberlain, Mr. Stedman, Mr. Garland, Mr. Mumford, and Mr. Robert Brown, to consider and report thereon to the House.

On motion of Mr. Whitman, and seconded,

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States, of the twelfth instant, respecting captures and condemnations of the ships and merchandise of the citizens of the United States, under authority of the Government of Denmark, be referred to the committee appointed on that part of the President's message, at the commencement of the session, which relates to our foreign relations.

On motion of Mr. Morrow,

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the resolution agreed to yesterday, respecting a digest of the land laws of the United States; and that the Committee on the Public Lands do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of William Blackney, referred on the twenty-eighth ultimo; which was read, and the resolution therein contained agreed to by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petition ought *not* to be granted."

A motion was made by Mr. Moseley, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House copies of the several communications made to the Governments of France and Great Britain, with respect to the several orders and decrees of either, violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States, in pursuance of the authorities vested by Congress in the Executive, except such parts as may, in his judgment, require secrecy.

A motion was made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that the said resolution do lie on the table:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 73, / Nays ..... 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,

James Cox,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
James Emott,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Robert Jenkins,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Ross,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Mr. Milnor presented a petition of Thomas Campbell, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying relief in consideration of wounds received whilst a Captain in the Pennsylvania line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Milnor, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Macon, and Mr. Morrow.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said committee be instructed to consider the propriety of augmenting the rates of full pension to invalid pensioners of the United States, disabled by known wounds received in the war of the Revolution.

The bill respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes, was read the third time: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Sturges, and seconded, that the said bill be postponed until Monday next:

And the question thereon being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then stated, "Shall this bill pass?"

And debate arising,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1810.

On motion of Mr. Seybert,

Ordered, That the memorial of the Stockholders of the Bank of the United States, presented on the twenty-sixth of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Dana, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Seaver, Mr. Seybert, Mr. Gold, and Mr. Taylor, to consider and report thereon to the House.

On motion of Mr. Seybert, and seconded,

Ordered, That there be printed for the use of the House, that part of the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on public credit, which treats of establishing a National Bank, dated the thirteenth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety. Also, the report of the present Secretary of the Treasury on the same subject, made to the Senate on the second of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of laying additional duties on all goods, wares, and merchandise, of the growth, produce, or manufacture, of Great Britain and its dependencies, which may be imported into the United States, or any of the Territories thereof.

The said resolution was read and considered, and ordered to lie on the table.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of laying additional duties on all goods, wares, and merchandise, of the growth, produce, or manufacture, of France, or of the dependencies thereof, and which may be imported into the United States, or any of the Territories thereof.

Ordered, That the said resolution do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Harry Caldwell and Amasa Jackson, Jeremiah Reynolds and Levin Jones," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of Saturday last.

The question depending and undetermined at the time of adjournment, to wit: "Shall the engrossed bill respecting the commercial intercouse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes, pass?" was again stated:

And the same being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 73, Nays ..... 52.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jr.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,

Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Barent Gardenier,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Joseph Pearson,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jr.
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
William Crawford,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Ross,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act respecting the commerical intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1810.

Mr. Stedman presented a petition of Miles Doran, of Boston, praying relief in consideration of hardships and injuries sustained while a soldier in the Massachusetts line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the late and present army of the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in obedience to a resolution of the eighteenth instant, two statements of the returns of the respective quotas of one hundred thousand militia, required by the President of the United States of the several States and Territories, in conformity to the acts of the eighteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, and the thirtieth of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the names and salaries of the clerks employed in the Treasury Department, during the last year; which were read, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. T. Moore,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Motlow, of South Carolina, presented on the eighteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cutts presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of New Hampshire, and of the District of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post road from Parsonsfield to Ossipee.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Morrow presented a petition of James Bell, by Peter Mills, his attorney, praying compensation for supplies of money and provisions furnished, and services rendered to the American army in Canada, in the years one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, and one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

An engrossed bill authorizing the discharge of William Hawkins from his imprisonment was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing the discharge of William Hawkins from his imprisonment."

An engrossed bill for the relief of Jared Shattuck was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Jared Shattuck."

An engrossed bill extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of Madison county, in the Mississippi Territory, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the appointment of an additional judge, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of Madison county, in the Mississippi Territory."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bills to the Senate, and severally desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act extending certain privileges therein mentioned, to Joseph Joshua Dyster," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, with several amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Harry Caldwell and Amasa Jackson, Jeremiah Reynolds and Levin Jones;" and the same being read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereon, concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Davenport have leave to be absent from the service of the House for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Lyon presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Shawneetown, in the Illinois Territory, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the land on which they reside, being the property of the United States, may be divided into lots of one or two acres each, and that the said lots may be exposed to public sale.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Gannett, from the committee appointed on the fourteenth ultimo, presented a bill authorizing the discharge of Phineas Varney from his imprisonment; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee appointed on the twenty-fourth instant, made a report on the several petitions of the surviving officers of the late Revolutionory army; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of John Galloway, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Robert Elwell, referred on the thirteenth ultimo; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of James Monyhan, referred on the seventeenth instant; which was ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred in the amendments made by this House to the bill, entitled "An act extending certain privileges therein mentioned to Joseph Joshua Dyster." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act extending certain privileges therein mentioned to Joseph Joshua Dyster," and had found the same to be truly enrolled:

When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again read, and, on the question severally put thereon, concurred in by the House as far as line one hundred and ninety-two, inclusive.

A motion was then made by Mr. Root to strike out the following paragraph, as amended by the Committee of the Whole House:

"For additional compensation to Clerks in the several Departments of State, Treasury, War, and Navy, and of the General Post Office, not exceeding for each Department respectively, fifteen per centum, in addition to the sums allowed by the act, entitled 'An act to regulate and fix the compensation of Clerks, and to authorize the laying out certain public roads, and for other purposes,' thirteen thousand two hundred and sixty-nine dollars and thirty-two cents:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ... . 54, Nays ..... 63.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
Henry Crist,
Samuel W. Dana,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
Barzillai Gannett,
David S. Garland,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Charles Goldsborough,
William Hale,
William Helms,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Peter B. Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*.
Lemuel Sawyer,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

The said amendments, from line one hundred and ninety-three, to line two hundred and sixty-one, inclusive, were then, on the question severally put thereon, concurred in by the House.

The following paragraph, as amended by the Committee of the Whole House, being read :

"For expenses of intercourse with foreign nations, forty-nine thousand four hundred dollars :"

A motion was made by Mr. Lyon, and seconded, to amend the amendment, by prefixing thereto the following : "being for legations to Great Britain, France, and Brazil:"

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1810.

The report made by the Committee of Claims, yesterday, on the petition of James Monyhan, was read, considered, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Mumford,

Ordered, That the petition of Murray and Ogden, merchants, in the city of New York, presented on the twenty-third of June last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Milnor, from the Committee of Accounts, who was instructed, by a resolution of the seventeenth ultimo, to inquire into the manner in which the contract for supplying the House with stationery has been executed, and into the propriety of furnishing each member with ——— amount of stationery, at the commencement of each session, made a report thereon ; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows :

Resolved, That it is *unnecessary* to take any further order on this subject.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill providing for the printing and distributing of such laws of the United States as respect the public lands ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Desha, from the committee appointed, on the eighth ultimo, on the petition of Daniel Boone, made a report ; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday.

The question depending at the time of adjournment, on the motion of Mr. Lyon, to amend an amendment of the Committee of the Whole House to the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten, as stated in the Journal of yesterday, was again stated from the Chair:

And the same being taken,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 39, Nays ..... 77.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Barent Gardenier,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,

Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, junior,
Edwin Gray,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
John Nicholson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

The question then recurred upon concurring with the Committee of the Whole House, in their said amendment; and the same being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question upon concurring with the Committee of the Whole House in their amendment to the following paragraph of the bill, to wit: "For expenses of intercourse with foreign nations, ———," by filling the blank at the end of the same with the words, "fifty thousand dollars," was then taken,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 102, Nays ..... 16.

The yeas and yeas being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,

John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Edwin Gray,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Samuel W. Dana,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Josiah Quincy,
William Stedman,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton.

A motion was then made by Mr. Key, and seconded, to recommit the said bill to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House, for the purpose of amending the same, by striking out the sum of forty-nine thousand four hundred dollars, for expenses of intercourse with foreign nations, and to make the appropriation exclusive of the mission to Russia:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 29, Nays ..... 91.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Barent Gardenier,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jr.
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Ezekiel Whitman,
Robert Witherspoon.

The residue of the amendments of the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill, were then severally concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Two messages, in writing, were received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I lay before the House a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, conformably to their resolution of eighteenth January, one thousand eight hundred and ten.

JAMES MADISON.

FEBRUARY 1, 1810.

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I lay before the House a report of the Secretary of War, conformably to their resolution of January twenty-second.

JAMES MADISON.

FEBRUARY 1, 1810.

Ordered, That the message, and the report of the Secretary of War, accompanying the same, be referred to Mr. Newton, Mr. Milnor, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Winn, Mr. Howard, Mr. Hale, Mr. Pickman, and Mr. Mumford, to consider and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Harry Caldwell and Amasa Jackson, Jeremiah Reynolds and Levin Jones," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1810.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn: And the question thereon being taken,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 10, Nays ..... 61.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
William Findley,
Thomas Kenan,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
George Smith,
William Stedman,
Charles Turner, jr.
Archibald Van Horn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannet,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Aaron Lyle,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Thomas Newbold,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,

Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Jabez Upham,
Robert Weakley,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Mr. Love, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, made a report on the petitions of the President and Directors of the Banks of Alexandria, Potomac, Washington, and the Union Bank of Georgetown, referred during the present session; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Dawson, and seconded, that the select committee appointed yesterday on a message from the President of the United States, be discharged, and that the said message and accompanying documents be referred to the Committee on the Military Establishment:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the benefit of the estate of Samuel G. East; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill for incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, be discharged from the consideration thereof.

On motion of Mr. Love,

Ordered, That the said bill do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to prescribe the mode in which application shall be made for the purchase of land at the several land offices, and for the relief of Joab Garret; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Basset reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the resolutions proposed by Mr. Sheffey, on the eleventh of December last, in relation to the Batture in front of the suburb St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Basset reported that the committee had according to order, had the said resolutions under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said resolutions.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1810.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment: when a quorum, consisting of a majority of the Whole House, not being present,

A motion was made by Mr. W. Alston, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn;

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 22, Nays ..... 19.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John C. Chamberlain,
William Ely,
Barzillai Gannett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Robert Jenkins,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
John Ross,
Adam Seybert,
John Smith,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
James Cochran,
Gideon Gardner,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Newton,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Witherspoon.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.
And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1810.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, exhibiting the proceedings which have been authorized by the Board since their last annual report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Elisha Winters, referred on the nineteenth ultimo; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That legislative interference in behalf of the petitioner, at this time, would be improper; and that the petitioner have *leave to withdraw* his petition.

Mr. Morrow presented a petition of Peter Mills, of the State of Ohio, praying to be remunerated for expenses incurred in consequence of a contract with the Navy Department to build two gun-boats, which he was prevented from completing on account of the negligence of the Navy Agent under whose directions he was to act.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Navy, to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

Mr. Hufty presented a petition of Jacob Myers, of the State of New Jersey, praying to be allowed the pay due for his services as a soldier in the Pennsylvania line of the Revolutionary army.

Mr. Cutts presented a petition of Charles Bean, of the State of Massachusetts, on behalf of himself and others, praying to be allowed and paid for their services and expenses incurred in enforcing obedience to an act to enforce an act laying and executing an embargo within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Love presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Alexandria, praying that an act may be passed to incorporate a Company to insure houses and other property within the United States against the dangers of fire.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. M'Bryde,

Ordered, That the petition of James Campbell, presented on the eleventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Peter Landais, referred on the twenty seventh of December last; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Knickerbacker, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the court house in Salem, in the county of Washington, to the clerk's office in the town of Argyle; from thence to the court house at Sandy Hill, in said county: And also, to inquire into the expediency of extending the post route from Scarron Lake to Chesterfield, by the court house at Pleasant Valley, in the county of Essex, and State of New York.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Bray, presented on the eighteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Quincy,

Ordered, That the petition of James Bowdoin, presented on the twenty-first of November, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Love presented a petition of Samuel Kerchwal, of the State of Virginia, attorney for Thomas Saveall, heir of James Saveall, deceased, praying to be allowed the bounty of land due for the services of the said deceased, as a soldier in the Virginia line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Morrow presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Huron, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a new port of entry at the mouth of the river Huron.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Garland presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Nelson county, State of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post route from New York, in Albemarle county, to Lovering town, in said county of Nelson.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

A motion was made by Mr. Moseley, and seconded, that the House proceed to consider the resolution submitted by him on the twenty-seventh ultimo:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas..... .... 71, / Nays..... 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Henry Crist,
Samuel W. Dana,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Barzillai Gannett,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
John Nicholson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Ross,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,

William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Howell Cobb,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Gideon Gardner,
James Holland,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
George M. Troup,
Robert Weakley,
Richard Winn.

The said resolution was then read, and is in the following words:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House copies of the several communications made to the Governments of France and Great Britain, with respect to the several orders and decrees of either, violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States, in pursuance of the authorities vested by Congress in the Executive, except such parts as may, in his judgment, require secrecy.

A motion was made by Mr. Mumford, and seconded, to add to the said resolution the following words: "Also to communicate to this House such information as he may have received touching the forgery of papers purporting to be those of American vessels:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 89, Nays ..... 26.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,

Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
William Findley,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Josiah Quincy,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
James Wilson.

The question was then taken to agree to the said resolution as amended,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas..... ..... 92, / Nays ..... 19.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
James Cochran,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,

Richard Jackson, jun.
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Alexander M'Kim,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
William Butler,
Howell Cobb,
William Crawford,
John Dawson,
William Findley,
Gideon Gardner,
James Holland,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Thomas Newbold,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie.

Ordered, That Mr. Moseley and Mr. Mumford be appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President of the United States.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten."

An engrossed bill to prescribe the mode in which application shall be made for the purchase of land at the several land offices, and for the relief of Joab Garret, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act to prescribe the mode in which application shall be made for the purchase of land at the several land offices, and for the relief of Joab Garret."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bills to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for the third census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Milnor reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A motion was then made by Mr. Ross, and seconded, that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said bill:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to Mr. Fisk, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Bibb, Mr. Jones, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Weakley, and Mr. Jenkins.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1810.

Another member, to wit: from Massachusetts, Orchard Cook, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on the District of Columbia on the petitions of the President and Directors of the banks of Alexandria, Potomac, and Washington, and of the Union Bank of Georgetown, made on the second instant, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made a report on the petition of Tristram Hussey, referred on the fourth of December last; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act extending certain privileges therein mentioned to Joseph Joshua Dyster;" and

"An act for the relief of Harry Caldwell and Amasa Jackson, Jeremiah Reynolds and Levin Jones."

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted on the fourth of December last, by Mr. Nicholson, and the same being read in the following words, to wit:

Resolved, That provision be made, by law, for a general National Establishment of Banks throughout the United States; and that the profits arising from the same, together with such surplusses of revenue as may accrue, be appropriated for the "general welfare" in the construction of public roads and canals, and the establishment of seminaries for education throughout the United States:

A division of the question on the said resolution was called for by Mr. Sawyer, to the word "States," inclusive, in the second line of the resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Ross, and seconded, that the first member contained within the same, to the word "States," inclusive, in the second line, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Sawyer, that the said first member be referred to a select committee:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Dawson presented a petition of John Nelson, of the State of Virginia, praying to be allowed and paid the arrearages of pay due for his services as a Captain in the Virginia line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, and seconded,

Resolved, That the committee appointed on so much of the President's message of the twenty-ninth of November last, as relates to the Military Establishment of the United States, be instructed to inquire whether any, and what, alteration it is expedient to make in the act, entitled "An act for establishing rules and articles for the government of the armies of the United States;" and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Hale presented a petition of Charles Rinaldi, of Portsmouth, State of New Hampshire, praying compensation for the maintenance of a number of sailors during the existence of the several acts laying and executing an embargo within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, who were directed by a reso-

lution of the House of the first of December last, to inquire into the expediency of confirming the right of the city of New Orleans to the common of said city, and vesting in the said city of Orleans the public and vacant lots of ground within the same, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the time prescribed by the third section of the act respecting claims to land in the Territories of Orleans and Louisiana, for carrying into effect the provision therein contained, ought to be extended, subject to the terms, conditions, and reservations mentioned in the said section."

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee on the Public Lands do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Morrow, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire whether any, and what, further provision is necessary to be made for settling the claims to land, and for surveying and sale of the land of the United States, in the Territories of Orleans and Louisiana; and that the committee report by bill, or otherwise.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the Secretary for the Department of War; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which were read, and severally concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to prevent the issuing of sea letters except to certain vessels; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill do lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign an act, entitled "An act for the relief of Harry Caldwell and Amasa Jackson, Jeremiah Reynolds and Levin Jones;" and an act, entitled "An act to extend certain privileges therein mentioned to Joseph Joshua Dyster."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do inform the Senate thereof.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John N. Stout." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to revive and make permanent "An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses,' and in addition to the same;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Tallmadge have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for two weeks, and Mr. Nelson for one week, from Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the petition and documents of John Davis, administrator of Samuel G. East, accompanying a bill for the benefit of the estate of Samuel G. East, be referred to the Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Jacob Mancius and Jane Ann Mancius, referred on the seventh of December last; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Elizabeth Brodhead, referred on the sixth ultimo; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of James Sawyers, referred on the fifteenth of December last; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, presented a bill for the relief of William Hastings; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the post office in the Chickasaw nation, by the Chickasaw Bluff, to Fort Madison, in the Louisiana Territory.

Mr. Rhea presented a petition, signed by Gilbert C. Russell, in behalf of the inhabitants of the Chickasaw Bluff, and the Arkansaw, praying for the establishment of the above described post route; which was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of the Governor, Judges, and Secretary, of the Illinois Territory, praying to be permitted to locate such quantities of the land of the United States as they are required by the tenor of their respective offices to hold, upon such terms and restrictions as Congress may deem proper to prescribe.

Mr. Morrow presented several petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, to the same effect with a petition of sundry other inhabitants of the said State, presented on the twenty-seventh of December last.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Morrow presented several petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route from Zanesville, through Newark, Granville, Worthington, Urbanna, and Troy, to Greenville, in said State.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

A motion was made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the United States, by virtue of their sovereign authority, claim and have the sole right to the Batture situate below high water mark, in the river Mississippi, in front of the suburb St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans.

The said resolution was read, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the resolutions proposed by Mr. Sheffey, relative to the said Batture.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Bassett, from the Committee on the Naval Establishment of the United States, to whom was referred several petitions of the officers of the Navy, presented a bill in relation to the pensions and rations of the officers of the Navy; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

An engrossed bill to extend the time for locating Virginia military warrants, and for returning surveys thereon to the Secretary of the Department of War, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the Secretary of the Department of War."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Ordered, That the unfinished business of yesterday do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to prevent the issuing of sea letters, except to certain vessels; and the same being amended at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, further to amend the same, by in-

serting, after the word, "registered," in the seventh line, the following: "or to ships or vessels built within the United States, and arriving within some of the ports thereof before the first day of May next:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 56, Nays ..... 61.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Williams Helms,
James Holland,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Thomas Newbold,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Ross,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Edwin Gray,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,

George Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Richard Winn.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment of the Committee of the Whole House to the bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States, and the same being read, was, on the question put thereon, concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1810.

A motion was made by Mr. Livingston, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn: And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 4, Nays ..... 83.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Ross.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
William Crawford,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardiner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Edwin Gray,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kennedy,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Robert Le Roy Livinstgon,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,

Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jr.
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, enclosing his report on the petition of John Lister, referred to him on the twenty-sixth ultimo; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. P. B. Porter, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine into the expediency of appropriating a part of the public lands, or of the proceeds thereof, to the purposes of opening and constructing such roads and canals as may be most conducive to the general interests of the Union; and that they have leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. P. B. Porter, Mr. Troup, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Kenan, Mr. Burwell, Mr. Howard, Mr. Weakley, Mr. M'Kim, Mr. Van Dyke, Mr. Milnor, Mr. Southard, Mr. Sturges, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Porter, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Chittenden, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Poydras, and Mr. Jennings, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

An engrossed bill to prevent the issuing of sea letters, except to certain vessels, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act to prevent the issuing of sea letters, except to certain vessels."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the State of Maryland, to the State of Ohio;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Milnor reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States: When it was,

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Clay, Mr. Butler, Mr. Rea, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Weakley, Mr. Hale, Mr. Turner, Mr. Richard Jackson, junior, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Root, Mr. Hufty, Mr. Van Dyke, Mr. N. R. Moore, Mr. Desha, Mr. Holland, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Poydras, Mr. Poindexter, and Mr. Jennings.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Kenan have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for the remainder of the session; and Mr. M'Kim until Tuesday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Robert Fulton, addressed to him, presenting each member of the House with a copy of a pamphlet on the subject of Torpedoes; which was read, ordered to lie on the table, and leave given to lay the pamphlets on the members tables.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the United States during one year prior to the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and nine; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Burwell, from the committee appointed on the twenty-second ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the President of the United States, to employ the public armed vessels, and permitting merchant vessels to arm for the defence of American commerce; which was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday week.

On motion of Mr. Mumford,

Ordered, That the memorial of William Edgar and Alexander Macomb, presented on the eighth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Ordered, That the petition of Zebulon Wade, presented on the seventh of June last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Macon presented a petition of Christopher Dudley, junior, Samuel Ashe, and David Jones, praying to be allowed further time for the payment of a judgment obtained against them as sureties to a bond given by Timothy Bloodworth, late Collector of the port of Wilmington, in North Carolina, who has been dismissed for mal-conduct in his said office.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That Mr. Tallmadge be excused from serving on the committee to whom was recommitted yesterday the bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States; and that Mr. Moseley be appointed of the said committee in his place.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented a bill to restrict the allowance of drawbacks to certain vessels; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Dana presented a petition of Samuel Rossetter, of the State of Connecticut, praying to be allowed and paid at the rate of his present pension, from the time he was discharged as a soldier from the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Thomas Campbell.

On motion of Mr. Clopton, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Hanover Court House to New Kent Court House, so as to pass by Hanover town, in the State of Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

Ordered, That so much of the petition of Francis Taylor and Judith Taylor, representatives of Henry Field, deceased, presented on the fourth of January, one thousand eight hundred and four, as relates to money due for services, be referred to the Committee of Claims, and that the part which relates to a claim for land, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Smilie,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Jennings, from the committee appointed on the twelfth of December, presented a bill disqualifying certain persons from acting as members of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Indiana Territory; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the State of Maryland, to the State of Ohio," was read the third time.

And on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Richard Taylor; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table: When it was,

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough,

Ordered, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed until Friday next.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles; which was read, and is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to the House a report of the Secretary of State, complying with their resolution of the twenty-second of January.

JAMES MADISON.

FEBRUARY 9, 1810.

Mr. Moseley, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States a resolution of the fifth instant, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered that due attention should be paid to the request of the House.

The House, according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill concerning claims to lands in the Mississippi Territory, granted by the British Government of West Florida; and, after some time time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Milnor reported that the said committtee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table: When it was,

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough,

Ordered, That the said bill do lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill for incorporating the Protestant Church of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia; and the same being amended,

A motion was made by Mr. Montgomery, and seconded, to postpone indefinitely the farther consideration of the said bill:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Friday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1810.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act for the relief of John N. Stout;" and

"An act in addion to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the State of Maryland, to the State of Ohio;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Hufty presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Port Elizabeth, in the State of New Jersey, praying for the establishment of a post route from Philadelphia directly to Cape Island.

Mr. Wheaton presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Warren, in the State of Rhode Island, praying for the establishment of a post route from said Warren to Boston.

Mr. Shaw presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Vermont, praying for the establishment of a post route from Lebanon, in New Hampshire, to Middlebury, in Vermont.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Amite county, in the Mississippi Territory, praying for the establishment of a post route from Natchez, by Liberty, and Chefuncta Bay, to New Orleans.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Fisk, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, reported the bill with several amendments; which were read, and, together with the bill, committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Sheffey presented a petition of John Connell, to the same effect with a petition of Peter Mills, presented on the fifth instant.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Navy, to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Alexander Macullaugh, of the Mississippi Territory, praying to be confirmed in his title to one thousand acres of land derived from the British Government of West Florida.

Mr. Poindexter also presented a petition of Charles and Michael Trefoe, and Mary Gray, heirs and representatives of Philipina Beckley, deceased, by E. Turner, their attorney, praying for a donation or pre-emption right of a certain tract of land in the Mississippi Territory.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Emott presented a petition from Jared Duncan, of the State of New York, praying relief in consideration of a wound received whilst a serjeant in the New York line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Emott, Mr. Cook, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Garland, and Mr. Pearson, to consider and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Wheaton presented a petition of Deborah Gannett, of the State of Massachusetts, stating that she served as a soldier in the Massachusetts line of the Revolutionary army, by the name of Robert Shirtliff, and that, in the course of the said service, she received several wounds, in consequence of which, she was, in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, placed on the pension list of the United States; and praying that her said pension may commence from her discharge from the army, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, on the the petition of Thomas Campbell.

On motion of Mr. Chittenden,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Nathaniel Gove, and that the same be referred to the committee last mentioned.

Ordered, That the letter from Robert Fulton to the Speaker, laid before the House on the ninth instant, be referred to Mr. Dawson, Mr. Milnor, and Mr. Bacon, to consider and report thereon to the House.

On motion of Mr. Jennings, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Fort Hamilton, in the State of Ohio, to Vincennes, in the Indiana Territory.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House a statement of the particular sums of money which, from time to time since the commencement of the Government, have been appropriated and expended for the purpose of fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and of any of the territories thereof:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of William Hawkins from his imprisonment," with amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the resolutions submitted by Mr. Sheffey, on the eleventh of December last, relative to the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said resolutions under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That the House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said resolutions.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Goldsborough have leave to be absent from the service of this House for two weeks from yesterday.

Mr. Gholson presented a petition of William W. Weymouth, of the city of Richmond, praying a remission of the penalties and forfeitures incurred by him for an unknown violation of an act to prohibit the importation of slaves into the United States, in conveying a fugitive slave from the city of New York to the State of Virginia.

Mr. M'Kim presented a petition of John M'Fadon and Richard Caton, of the city of Baltimore, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, to be exonerated from farther payments on certain revenue bonds given for the payment of duties on goods imported by them, in the year one thousand eight hundred and two, and that the said bonds may be returned to them.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Commerc and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of sundry inhabitants of the four Western counties of Pennsylvania; and that the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

Mr. Brown presented a petition of Joseph Deford, of the State of Maryland, praying to be allowed and paid the arrearages of pay due for his services as a soldier in the Maryland line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Sturges,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Bradley be referred to the Secretary of War, to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Witherspoon, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road leading from Chatham, by Greenville, Bentonsville, Jeffers Creek, Ports Ferry, Marion Court House, and Harleesville, in the State of South Carolina; and by M'Queen's Store, Stewart's Store, Laurel Hill, Rockingham Court House, Wadesborough, and by Sneedsborough, in North Carolina, to Chatham aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Winn, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Camden, in South Carolina, to cross at Chesnut's ferry, on the Wateree, and to pass by the following places: Pees, the United States' establishment, near Rocky Mount; M'Faddens, near Landsford, on the Catawba river; Alexanders, in the Indian land, and from thence to Charlotte Court House, in North Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Cook, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Waldoborough, through Union and Hope, to Belfast, in the District of Maine: Also, a post route from Brunswick, through Topsham, to a place called Cathanee Bridge, in the town of Bowdoinham, in the District of Maine.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of William Hawkins from his imprisonment;" and the same being read at the Clerk's table, were concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for the third census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Milnor reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1810.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, presented a bill for the relief of Peter Audrain; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Lucy Dixon, referred on the eighteenth of December last; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of John Lochman, referred on the fifteenth of December last; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Colonel Jonathan Williams; and that the same be referred to the Secretary

of War, to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

Ordered, That the said committee be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Richard Davidson; and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Navy, to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

Ordered, That the said committee be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Alexander Scott and John Motlow; and that the said petitions be referred to Mr. Whitherspoon, Mr. W. Alston, and Mr. Poindexter, to consider and report thereon to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to prescribe the mode in which application shall be made for the purchase of land at the several Land Offices; and for the relief of Joab Garrett, with several amendments;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the State of Maryland, to the State of Ohio;" the other, entitled "An act for the relief of John N. Stout."

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed, on the twelfth instant, on the letter from Robert Fulton to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That when this House shall adjourn on Friday next, it will adjourn to meet on Monday; and that Mr. Fulton have the use of this Hall on Saturday, for the purpose of exhibiting the Torpedoes, and delivering a lecture on their practice and utility."

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, to recommit the report and resolution to the committee who reported the same:

And the question being taken thereon,

In was determined in the negative.

The question to concur in the said resolution was then stated from the Chair: On which,

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Lyon,

And the same being taken to agree to the first member of the resolution which relates to the adjournment of the House,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 90, Nays ..... 29.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,

Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Robert Weakley,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge.
John Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
James Cochran,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Edwin Gray,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Daniel Sheffey,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Charles Turner, jr.
Archibald Van Horn,
Laban Wheaton.

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, to postpone indefinitely the farther consideration of the resolution aforesaid:

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1810.

A motion was made by Mr. Burwell, and seconded, that the unfinished business of yesterday do lie on the table:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The House then resumed the consideration of the said unfinished business, and the question recurring on the motion to postpone indefinitely the farther consideration of the second member of the resolution,

Mr. Speaker decided that the said motion to postpone indefinitely was, at the time the same was under consideration, out of order.

A motion was then made by Mr. Ross, to amend the said resolution by striking out the words, "*delivering a lecture on*," for the purpose of inserting the word "*explaining:*"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then taken upon concurring in the second and last member of the said resolution,

And determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 55, Nays ..... 61.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
William Findley,
Barzillai Gannett,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Daniel Blaisdell,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
James Cochran,
Samuel W. Dana,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Thomas Sammons,
Daniel Sheffey,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Troup, the question was then stated on concurring in the first and second members of the said resolution: When,

Mr. Speaker decided that, a question being divided, one part affirmed and the other rejected, a question cannot be put upon the whole of the resolution as originally proposed.

From which decision of the Chair an appeal was made to the House by Mr. Troup, and being seconded,

The question was taken, "Is the decision of the Chair correct?"

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 78, / Nays ..... 21.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
Samuel W. Dana,
Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Hiester,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
William Kennedy,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
William Crawford,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Richard M. Johnson,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
John Nicholson,
John Roane,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Samuel Shaw,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was made by Mr. Upham, and seconded, that the House do reconsider their vote of yesterday upon the first member of the resolution under consideration.

A motion was then made by Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, to put the question on the resolution, as amended.

Mr. Speaker decided that the motion of Mr. Gardenier was not in order, as the question must be first taken on the motion first made.

From which decision of the Chair an appeal was made to the House, and being seconded,

The question was taken, "Is the decision of the Chair correct?"

And resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then taken to reconsider their vote of yesterday upon the first member of the resolution,

And determined in the negative.

The question was then stated from the Chair, that the House do agree to the said resolution, amended to read in the following words:

"*Resolved*, That when this House shall adjourn on Friday next, it will adjourn to meet on Monday."

A question was raised by Mr. Sheffey, whether it was in order to put the question upon the resolution so amended.

Mr. Speaker decided that it was in order to put the question on the resolution so amended.

From which decision of the Chair an appeal was made to the House, and being seconded,

The question was stated, "Is the decision of the Chair correct?"

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1810.

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 5, Nays ..... 55.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Edward St. Loe Livermore,
George Smith,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Archibald Van Horn,
Ezekiel Whitman.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
John Brown,
John C. Chamberlain,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
Henry Crist,
Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Barent Gardenier,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Robert Jenkins,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archbaild McBryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Newbold,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Ross,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
James Stephenson,

Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jr.
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
James Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Love, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire what alterations, if any, are necessary in the law passed January twenty-first, one thousand eight hundred and eight, entitled "An act for the relief of Oliver Evans."

Ordered, That Mr. Love, Mr. John Porter, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Ely, and Mr. Cochran, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, and seconded,

Ordered, That the unfinished business of yesterday do lie on the table.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of William Hawkins from his imprisonment," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, was read the third time.

A motion was made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the same be postponed indefinitely:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Gardenier, to postpone the bill until the first Monday in March next:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, notifying that the President did, on the fourteenth instant, approve and sign "An act for the relief of John N. Stout."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Elizabeth Hamilton, widow of the late General Alexander Hamilton, deceased; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson, that, when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The several orders of the day were then farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1810.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commmerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred so much of the President's message, at the commencement of the session, as relates to a remission of penalties involuntarily incurred by infractions of the laws prohibiting commercial intercourse with Great Britain and France, presented a bill to remit certain fines, penalties, and forfeitures; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. M'Kim presented a petition of John Ross, Andrew Buchanan, Robert Taylor, and David Wilson, merchants, in the city of Baltimore, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, to be allowed and paid for a vessel and cargo captured by a French privateer, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and since condemned in a French Court of Admiralty.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Smilie presented a petition of Gabriel Peterson, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of a wound received whilst a lieutenant in the Pennsylvania line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, to consider and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Clay, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States, reported several amendments thereto; which were read, and, together with the bill, committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to revive an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes,'" with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The President of the United States did, on the fourteenth instant, approve and sign "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the State of Maryland, to the State of Ohio." And then he withdrew.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, which was read, and is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit reports of the Secretaries of State and of the Treasury, complying with their resolution of the fifth instant.

JAMES MADISON.

FEBRUARY 17, 1810.

A motion was made by Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire generally into the official conduct of the present Secretary of the Treasury, and, particularly, whether the said Secretary has, at any time, and when, and in what manner, and to what amount, speculated in the public funds:

And whether the said Secretary has become proprietor of any, and what, tracts of land sold by the United States; and, if so, how the sales thereof have been conducted:

And, also, in what manner remittances, either of principal or interest of foreign debt, have been made, and whether in any, and what, cases contrary to the inclination of the President, either as to amount or manner:

And that the said committee have power to send for persons and papers.

A motion was made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded, that the said resolution do lie on the table:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken that the House do agree to the said resolution;

And determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 7, Nays ..... 106.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Howell Cobb,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Edwin Gray,
Nathaniel Macon,
Richard Stanford,
Ezekiel Whitman.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,

Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
James Cochran,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, on the memorial of the Stockholders of the Bank of the United States, made a report thereon; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Ordered, That the petition of Presley Thornton, presented on the twenty-sixth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1810.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an account of sales of publis arms, as authorized by the act of the second of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to revive an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes;" and the same being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereon, concurred in by the House.

Resolved, That this House do concur in the title amended by the Senate, to read as follows: "An act further to provide for the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to prescribe the mode in which application shall be made for the purchase of land at the several land offices; and for the relief of Joab Garrett;" and the same being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereon, concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of James Bell, by Peter Mills, his attorney, referred on the thirtieth ultimo; which was read, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed a report of the same committee on the petition of John Murray.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of David Blackwell, referred on the twelfth of December last; which was read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Charles Rinaldi, referred on the sixth instant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted."

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of John Knight, of the State of Kentucky, praying to be allowed his commutation of half-pay, as a surgeon's mate in the Virginia line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and ten; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and ten; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which were twice read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an account of the receipts and expenditures of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten," with amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, together with the amendments of the Committee of the Whole House to the same; and the said amendments being again twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereon, in part concurred in, and in part disagreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Bibb, and seconded,

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Peter Landais, in relation to the report of the Committee of Claims on his petition; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1810.

On motion of Mr. M'Bryde, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the present post route between the towns of Fayetteville and Salisbury, in North Carolina, and of establishing two separate routes, viz: from Salisbury, by Henderson, Springville, Allenton, Steele's Store, Wadesborough, Rockingham, Nall's store, in Moore county, and by Randolph Court House, to Salisbury; the other route from Fayetteville, by Tyson's, Nall's Store, Moore Court House, Drowning Creek Bridge, and to Fayetteville aforesaid.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of William Hawkins from his imprisonment."

Mr. Roane presented a petition of Batram G. Hipkins, Commander of gun-boat No. 5, praying that the Secretary of the Navy may be authorized and directed to audit his accounts as Commander aforesaid, his receipts and vouchers having been lost with the said gun-boat in the Chesapeake Bay, in the month of June, one thousand eight hundred and eight.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Navy, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereon, to the House.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made a report on the petition of George Armroyd, referred on the eighth ultimo; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Newton, from the same committee, presented a bill for the relief of William Weymouth; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Newton also made a detailed report of facts relating to the case of William Weymouth; which was read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Rockland, in the State of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route from Hackensack, in the State of New Jersey, through Toppan, Clarkston, to Haverstraw, in said county.

Mr. Hufty presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Cape May county, in the State of New Jersey, to the same effect with a petition of sundry inhabitants of Port Elizabeth, presented on the twelfth instant.

Ordered, That the said petition be severally referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. P. B. Porter presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Niagara county, in the State of New York, praying that the town of Portland, in the said county, may be established as a port of entry.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. P. B. Porter also presented a remonstrance and petition from sundry inhabitants of the Territory of Michigan, expressive of their approbation of the form of Government existing in said Territory, and praying, under their present system of Government, to be allowed to elect and send a Delegate to Congress.

Ordered, That the said remonstrance and petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Gardenier presented a petition of Henry Malcolm, Collector for the District of Hudson, in the State of New York, praying that a law may be passed to authorize the Accounting Officers of the Treasury Department to credit his account with the sum of one thousand dollars, which was lost in transmitting the same by mail from Hudson to the bank in New York.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Gardenier, Mr. W. Alston, and Mr. Lyon, to consider and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Findley presented a petition of Andrew Pinkerton, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of wounds received whilst a soldier in the Pennsylvania line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of the Governor, Judges, and Secretary, of the Illinois Territory, referred on the seventh

instant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

Mr. Morrow, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Sarah Meredith, referred on the twenty-fifth ultimo; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Edward Livingston, expressing his desire of a speedy determination with respect to his claim to the batture in the city of New Orleans; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the interest in, or title to, the batture fronting the suburb St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans, which may have vested in the United States by the treaty of cession between the United States and France, concluded at Paris the thirtieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and three, be transferred to, and vested in, the Corporation of the city of New Orleans, so far as to enable said Corporation to defend any suit or action which may be instituted for the recovery of the whole or any part of said batture, in any Court having competent power and jurisdiction to hear and determine the same; and, if no suit or action shall be instituted and prosecuted to final judgment or decree, within ——— years, all individual claim, right, or title, to the said batture, shall thenceforth be forever barred.

Resolved, That the said batture shall be used and enjoyed as a public highway and landing place, as well by the citizens of the United States, as the inhabitants of the city of New Orleans, who shall continue to use and enjoy the right of digging and carrying earth from the said batture for making and repairing public streets and levees and other purposes, which they were accustomed to use and enjoy under the late Spanish Government.

A motion was made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, that the said resolutions be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed sundry papers in relation to the said batture.

A division of the question to refer the said resolutions was called for: On which,

The question was taken to refer the first of the resolutions to the said Committee of the Whole House,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then taken upon the reference of the second resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Quincy, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the state of the ancient public records and archives of the United States, with authority to consider whether any, and what, provision be necessary for a more safe and orderly preservation of them, with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Quincy, Mr. Van Horn, and Mr. Swoope, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Gold, from the committee appointed on the seventeenth ultimo, presented a bill to authorize the Secretary of War to ascertain and settle, by the appointment of Commissioners, the exterior line of the public land at West Point, with the adjoining proprietor; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Weakley presented a petition of Joseph Brown, of the State of Tennessee, praying compensation for sundry negroes and other property, plundered from his father by the Cherokee Indians, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the petitions of Alexander Scott and John Motlow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten:" Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and ten, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and ten."

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the Military Establishment of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and ten."

An engrossed bill to provide for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bills to the Senate, and severally desire their concurrence.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign "An act authorizing the discharge of William Hawkins from his imprisonment."

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to deprive, in certain cases, vessels of their American character, and to prevent, under certain disabilities, any citizen of the United States taking a license from any foreign Power to navigate the ocean, or trade with any foreign or independent Power; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1810.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting his annual report prepared in obedience to "An act concerning public contracts;" which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, enclosing his report of such a system as will enable the House to comprise into *one* the several laws which are now in force respecting the post offices and post roads within the United States, in obedience to a resolution of the twenty-eighth of June last; which were ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

A motion was made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is expedient to inquire into the propriety of establishing a National Bank.

The said resolution was read, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of a select committee on the memorial of the stockholders of the Bank of the United States.

A motion was made by Mr. Upham, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a statement of moneys drawn from the Treasury in the years one thousand eight hundred and eight, and one thousand eight hundred and nine, on account of expenses and contingent expenses of intercourse with foreign nations, with a statement of the manner in which the same have been accounted for; therein specifying the sums respectively drawn for expenses or contingent expenses, and distinguishing the sums for contingencies specially accounted for from any sums settled by certificate for expenditures which it may have been thought advisable not to specify.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bassett, from the Committee on the Naval Establishment of the United States, made a farther report, in part; which was read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill in relation to pensions and rations of the officers of the navy.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill "Making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten," together with the amendments

proposed thereto by the Senate; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill and amendments under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the said amendments; which were then again read at the Clerk's table, and severally concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes," with amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Dawson, and seconded, that the said bill and amendments be committed to a Committee of the Whole House:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, to postpone until Saturday next the farther consideration of the aforesaid bill and amendments.

A motion was then made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn:

And the question being taken thereon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ..... 49, Nays ..... 72.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
John Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
William Helms,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Walter Jones,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Thompson,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
William Anderson,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Samuel W. Dana,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Barent Gardenier,
David S. Garland,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,

Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Ross,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

The question then recurred upon the motion to postpone until Saturday next; and the question being taken thereon, it was determined in the negative.

The question then recurring on concurring in the amendments,

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1810.

Mr. Anderson presented sundry documents in relation to the petition of John B. Sarazin and others; which were ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of William Nourse, praying for a grant of land in consideration of services rendered as a midshipman in the Navy of the United States, during the Revolutionary war, or that such other relief may be afforded him as may appear just and proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Arthur St. Clair, referred on the third ultimo; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Peregrine Fitzhugh, referred on the twenty-sixth of December last; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted."

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Stephen Allings, referred on the fourteenth of December last; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted."

Mr. P. B. Porter, from the committee appointed on the eighth instant, presented, according to order, a bill for the improvement of the United States, by public roads and canals; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday the fifth of March next.

Mr. Clopton, from the committee appointed on that part of the message from the President at the commencement of the session, which relates to the fortifications of the ports and harbors of the United States, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States, of the ninth in-

stant, relating to the free navigation of the Mobile river, be referred to Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Poydras, Mr. T. Moore, Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Cook, and Mr. Campbell, to consider and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Morrow presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Preble, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of a post route from Dayton to Eaton, in the said county.

Mr. Whitman presented two petitions from sundry inhabitants of the counties of Oxford and Kennebec, in the District of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post route from Farmington, through Wilton and Jay, to Livermore.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. M'Kim presented a petition of Anne Wilson, of the State of Maryland, widow of James Wilson, deceased, praying to be allowed and paid the arrearages of pay due for the services of the said deceased as a lieutenant in the Navy of the United States, during the Revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the post route from Allemance to Martinville, in the county of Guilford, so as to go by Greensborough, or the Court House, in said county; and, also, that the said committee inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Greensborough to Jamestown, in the said county of Guilford, and from thence to Lexington, in the county of Rowan, all in the State of North Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Gold, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the town of Vernon, in the county of Oneida, along the Oneida turnpike road, to the town of Cazenovia, in the county of Madison, in the State of New York.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of John Cockle, of the city of New York, praying to be paid the amount of his proportion of certain bills drawn in France upon the Government of the United States under the convention of the thirtieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and three.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House be directed to procure from the General Post Office Department, three hundred copies of the bill, entitled "An act regulating the Post Office Establishment," for the use of the members of this House, at the usual contract price.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Elizabeth Hamilton, widow of the late General Alexander Hamilton, deceased; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act to prescribe the mode in which application shall be made for the purchase of land at the several land offices, and for the relief of Joab Garret;" and

"An act further to provide for the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled.

Mr. Roane, from the same committee, reported that the committee had also examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion was made by Mr. Gholson, and seconded, that when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1810.

A motion was made by Mr. Ross, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn: And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 10, Nays ..... 61.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Barent Gardenier,
John Love,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Thomas Newbold,
Peter B. Porter,
John Ross,
George Smith,
Uri Tracy.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John C. Chamberlain,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Edwin Gray,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jr.
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was made by Mr. Root, and seconded, that the petition of William Barton, represented on the twenty-sixth December, one thousand eight hundred and eight be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Elizabeth Hamilton:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 62, Nays ..... 63.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,

James Cox,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
William Ely,
James Emott,
John W. Eppes,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Ross,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act further to provide for the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes;" and

"An act to prescribe the mode in which application shall be made for the purchase of land at the several land offices; and for the relief of Joab Garrett."

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, that the House do now resume the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes:"

And the question being taken thereon,

There appeared, { Yeas ..... 63, Nays ..... 62.

Mr. Speaker declaring himself with the nays, the question was lost.

The yeas and nays as demanded by one-fifth of the members present, are as follow:

YEAS.

Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
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Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Samuel W. Dana,
William Ely,
James Emott,
David S. Garland,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
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Philip B. Key,
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Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
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Robert Marion,
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George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.
And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell have leave to be absent from the service of this House for four days.

Mr. Bassett, from the Committee on the Naval Establishment, made a further report, in part; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Turner presented a petition of sundry merchants and other inhabitants of the town of Plymouth, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the port of Plymouth aforesaid, may be made a port of entry for vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, or places beyond the same.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Love presented a petition of the First and Second Chambers of the City Council of Washington, praying for an extension of the powers granted by law to the said Council.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. P. B. Porter,

Ordered, That the petition of William Gamble, presented on the eighteenth of December last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. P. B. Porter presented a petition of sundry French inhabitants of the Territory of Michigan, praying that the General Government will cause to be translated and printed in the French language, such laws of the United States as are applicable to the said Territory, together with such laws as have been adopted by the Territory aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. P. B. Porter, Mr. Garland, and Mr. M'Bryde, to consider and report thereon to the House.

On motion of Mr. Garland, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of altering the post route from Charlottesville to Lynchburg, in the State of Virginia, so as to pass by Head's store, in the county of Albemarle, Roberts's, Livingston, and Cabelsville, in the county of Nelson, and New Glasgow and Harrisons, in the county of Amherst, and to establish at each of the aforesaid places a post office: Also, to establish a new post route from Livingston's, in the county of Nelson, to Warminster, in the aforesaid county, and to Warren, in the county of Albemarle.

Mr. Whitehill presented a petition of William Quigley, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying relief in consideration of bodily injuries sustained whilst a soldier in the army, during the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Love, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented a bill to incorporate the Washington Navy Yard Mechanical Society; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Love, from the same committee, also presented a bill to incorporate the Fire Insurance Company of Alexandria; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. W. Chamberlin presented a petition of Jacob Bagley, of the State of Vermont, praying compensation for services rendered as an officer in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the act, entitled "An act to establish the compensations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes," passed the second of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; and, also, in the act, entitled "An act relative to the compensations of certain officers of the customs, and to provide for appointing a surveyor in the district therein mentioned," passed the twenty-seventh of March, one thousand eight hundred and four; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Clopton,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Hanover county, in the State of Virginia, presented on the eighteenth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Morrow presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, praying that a certain described tract of land may be granted to John Phouts and others, in consequence of their natural infirmities and extreme poverty, being blind from the time of their respective births.

Mr. Morrow also presented a petition of James Thompson, of the State of Ohio, praying to be allowed further time for the payment of land purchased from the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. S. Smith presented a petition of Benjamin Williams, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying relief in consideration of injuries sustained whilst a soldier in the Pennsylvania line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lyon, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the propriety of establishing a post road from Livingston Court House, in Kentucky, to Shawnee town, and the United States' Saline, in the Illinois Territory, thence to St. Vincennes, in the Indiana Territory.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, containing his report on the petition of Richard Davidson, referred to him on the fourteenth instant; which was read, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and ten." Also, the bill, entitled "An act for the appointment of an additional Judge, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of Madison county, in the Mississippi Territory," with amendments. The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to extend certain privileges therein mentioned to Joseph Joshua Dyster;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-fourth instant, approve and sign the following acts, to wit:

"An act to provide for the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, and for other purposes;"

"An act to prescribe the mode in which application shall be made for the purchase of land at the several land offices; and for the relief of Joab Garret."

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten."

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes."

A motion was made by Mr. Ross, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said bill and amendments be postponed indefinitely:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 39, Nays ..... 81.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
John Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
William Crawford,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
David S. Garland,
Peterson Goodwyn,
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Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Thomas Newton,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
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Dennis Smelt,
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George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was made by Mr. Bacon, and seconded, to amend the said amendments, by adding thereto the following section:

And be it further enacted, That all the penalties and forfeitures which may have been incurred on account of any infraction of the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, or of any of the acts supplementary thereto, or of the act to enforce and make more effectual an act, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, shall and may be recovered and distributed in like manner as if the said acts had continued in full force and virtue:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Eppes, and seconded, further to amend the said amendments, by adding thereto the following sections:

And be it further enacted, That the owner of any merchant vessel bound to any port or place not actually invested, with which intercourse shall be prohibited by the decrees or orders of the British Government, shall be allowed to arm and oppose by force every attempt to restrain or divert from its destination any vessel owned wholly by American citizens, and not carrying contraband of war: and every merchant or other person, so wishing to arm for the defence of his property, shall be furnished with a certificate from the Collector of the port from which he sails, that he has no articles of contraband of war on board, and shall enter into bond with the said Collector in a penalty of ——— dollars, with condition that his arms shall be employed solely for the purpose of defending his property against capture or detention under the decrees or orders of the British Government.

And be it further enacted, That the owner of any merchant vessel bound to any port or place not actually invested, with which intercourse shall be prohibited by the decrees or orders of the French Government, shall be allowed to arm and oppose by force every attempt to restrain or divert from its destination any vessel owned wholly by American citizens, and not carrying contraband of war: and every merchant or other person so wishing to arm for the defence of his property, shall be furnished with a certificate from the Collector of the port from which he sails, that he has no articles of contraband on board, and shall enter into bond with the Collector in a penalty of ——— dollars, with condition that his arms shall be employed solely for the purpose of defending his property against capture or detention under the decrees or orders of the French Government.

And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to employ the public armed vessels of the United States in protecting from capture, under the decrees and orders of Great Britain or France, the merchant vessels of the United States.

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1810.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting his report on the petition of Gabriel Peterson, referred to him on the nineteenth instant; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of Thomas King, of the State of Maryland, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of wounds received whilst a sergeant in the Maryland line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Clopton,

Ordered, That the petition of James Gibbon, presented on the twenty-ninth of December, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Maine, praying for the establishment of a post route from Waldoborough, through Union, Hope, and Green, to Belfast.

Mr. Brown presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Queenstown, in the State of Maryland, praying for the establishment of a post route from Baltimore, through said Queenstown, to Centreville, in said State.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Seybert presented a petition of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, praying that certain formalities in the laws relating to bonds for debentures, may be dispensed with, and that the Collector of the port of Philadelphia may be directed to cancel bonds given by the petitioners for the exportation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise, entitled to drawback.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Stanford, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to prepare and report a bill to this House, fixing and allowing adequate and suitable salaries to the Clerks in the different Offices of the Government.

Mr. Milnor, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-seventh ultimo, on the petition of Thomas Campbell, made a report thereon; which was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the appointment of an additional Judge, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of Madison county, in the Mississippi Territory;" and the same being read, were, on the question put thereon, concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate to extend certain privileges therein mentioned to Joseph Joshua Dyster, was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Morrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Josiah Throop, referred on the eleventh of December last; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and ten," with amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the unfinished business of yesterday, to wit: the consideration of the amendments to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act respecting commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes."

The amendments to the amendments of the Senate proposed by Mr. Eppes, were then modified by him so as to read in the following words:

And be it further enacted, That the commander and crew of any merchant vessel of the United States, owned wholly by a citizen or citizens thereof, and not carrying contraband of war, bound to any port or place not actually invested, with which intercourse shall be prohibited by the decrees or orders of the British Government, may oppose and defend against any search, restraint, or seizure, which shall be attempted upon such vessel, or upon any other vessel owned as aforesaid, by the commander or crew of any armed vessel sailing under British colors, and may repel by force any assault or hostility which may be committed on the part of such British vessel pursuing such attempt, and may subdue and capture the same.

And be it further enacted, That the commander and crew of any merchant vessel of the United States, owned wholly by a citizen or citizens thereof, and not carrying contraband of war, bound to any port or place not actually invested, with which intercourse shall be prohibited by the decrees or orders of the French Government, may oppose and defend against any search, restraint, or seizure, which shall be attempted upon such vessel, or upon any other vessel owned as aforesaid, by the commander or crew of any armed vessel sailing under French colors, and may repel by force any assault or hostility which may be committed on the part of such French vessel pursuing such attempt, and may subdue and capture the same.

A motion was then made by Mr. Eppes, and seconded, that the amendments of the Senate, together with the amendments proposed by himself, be referred to a select committee:

And debate arising thereon,

A member from the State of New York, Mr. Gardenier, was addressing the Chair, and was called to order by Mr. Eppes, a member from the State of Virginia, for deviating from the question before the House.

Mr. Speaker decided, that the range of argument taken by Mr. Gardenier, was irrevalent to the question before the House, and not in order.

Mr. Gardenier having sat down, and being about to proceed after another member had risen and addressed the Chair, the Speaker decided that the member from New York had lost his prior right to the floor.

From which decision of the Chair an appeal was made to the House:

And the question being taken, "Is the decision of the Chair correct?"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 77, Nays ..... 43.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,

Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Samuel Smith,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Eppes, to refer the amendments of the Senate, together with his amendments, to a select committee :

And the same being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 74, Nays ..... 49.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Brazillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John C. Chamberlain,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,

James Cochran,
Samuel W. Dana,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Dennis Smelt,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Ordered, That Mr. Eppes, Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Mongomery, Mr. Mumford, Mr. Dana, Mr. Desha, Mr. Cutts, Mr. Winn, and Mr. W. Alston, be appointed the said committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Eppes, and seconded, that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the bill authorizing the President of the United States to employ the public armed vessels, and permitting merchant vessels to arm for the defence of American commerce:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 77, Nays ..... 42.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
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Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
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William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
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John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
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Matthias Richards,
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John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons.

Ebenezer Seaver,
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John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are;

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John C. Chamberlain,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
John Taylor,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Gardenier, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before this House a copy of the opinion of the Attorney General, on the right of the United States to the batture at New Orleans, claimed by Edward Livingston.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1810.

Mr. Gholson, from the committee appointed on the seventh of December last, on the petition of Amy Dardin, made a report thereon; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, presented, according to order, a bill regulating the post office establishment; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing his report on the petition of Jonathan Williams, referred to him on the fourteenth instant; which were read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter and report from the Secretary of War, relative to the sufficiency and quality of the muskets manufactured at the public armory and arsenal at Springfield, in obedience to a resolution of the twenty-fifth ultimo; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented a bill for the relief of the Collectors of Philadelphia and Norfolk; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Gardenier have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session, and that he be discharged from serving on the com-

mittee appointed, on the twenty-fifth ultimo, on the petition of the Collectors of Passamaquoddy, Machias, and Frenchman's Bay, and also from the committee appointed, on the twenty-first instant, on the petition of Henry Malcolm.

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House such information as he can communicate, which does not require secrecy, of the appointment of an Ambassador or other Public Minister by the Government of Spain, or the Supreme Central Junta exercising the Government in behalf of the People of Spain, since the detention of their King in France, or of the application of any person to be received by the President and accredited as a Public Minister under such authority. And of any measures taken or proposed on the part of Spain, since the purchase of Louisiana by the United States, for the settlement of differences and making indemnification for claims against that Government for spoliations committed on the high seas. And, also, for settling the boundaries between the territories of the United States and the Spanish territories. And any official information which may have been received from Charles the Fourth, King of Spain, of his having abdicated the Government in favor of Ferdinand the Seventh, and of his acceptance thereof. And, generally, such information as may enable Congress to form a correct idea of the relative situation of the People of the United States with the Spanish People and Government.

The said resolution was read, and, on the question that the House do proceed to take the same into consideration,

It was determined in the negative.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and ten ;" and the same being read, were, on the question put thereon, concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Vice President of the United States being absent, the Senate have elected Mr. Gaillard, a Senator from the State of South Carolina, their President, pro tempore.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the resolutions proposed by Mr. Sheffey, on the eleventh of December last, in relation to the batture in front of the suburb of St. Mary, in New Orleans ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said resolutions under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

An adjournment was then called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1810.

Mr. Bassett presented a petition of William Baynham, of the State of Virginia, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, to be allowed and paid two quarters interest on certain certificates of public debt, the property of the petitioner.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Poydras presented sundry resolutions of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Orleans, in relation to the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Fisk be added to the committee appointed on the petition of Henry Malcolm, in the place of Mr. Gardenier, who has been excused from serving on the said committee.

On motion of Mr. Macon,

Ordered, That the petition of John Potter, presented on the twenty-seventh of March, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions submitted by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, on the twenty-ninth of January last ; and the same being read, were, on the motion of Mr. Livermore, again ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting

a copy of the opinion of the Attorney General on the right of the United States to the batture in New Orleans, in obedience to a resolution of the twenty-seventh ultimo; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of New Hampshire, praying for the establishment of a post route from Concord, by Hopkinton and Hillsborough, to Walpole, in said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting his annual accounts for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine; which were ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Whitman, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a new post route from Minot, by Hebron Academy, to Paris, in the District of Maine, and of discontinuing so much of the post route leading from Turner through New Gloucester, to Portland, in the same District, as lies between New Gloucester and Portland.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday; and the question being taken, Shall the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the resolutions proposed by Mr. Sheffey, on the eleventh of December last, relative to the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary, in New Orleans?

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined three enrolled bills with the following titles, to wit:

"An act for the appointment of an additional Judge, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of Madison county, in the Mississippi Territory;"

"An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and ten;" and

"An act making appropriations for the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and ten;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion was made by Mr. Poindexter, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the persons, or their legal representatives, who were removed from the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary, in the Territory of Orleans, by order of the President of the United States, on the twenty-fifth of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, to institute an action of ejectment, or such other suit or action as may be necessary, in the District Court of New Orleans, against the Mayor of the city of New Orleans, who shall be constituted a defendant in such action, for the express purpose of asserting and defending the right of the United States to said batture; and that the Judge of the said Court, after the issue is joined between the parties, be authorized and required to order such action to be tried in such Circuit Court of the United States where, in his opinion, a fair and impartial trial can be had; and the judgment of the Court to which the same shall be removed for trial as aforesaid, may be re-examined and reversed or affirmed, in the same manner as other causes in such Circuit Court are; and the final judgment, sentence, or decree, in such action, shall be final and conclusive between the United States and all individual claimants as to the title of the said batture, and may be plead in bar to any subsequent suit or action for the recovery of the same, or any part thereof; and the record and proceedings in such action shall be returned and deposited among the judgments of the said District Court of the Territory of Orleans.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I now lay before you copies of the treaties concluded with the Delaware, Pottawatamie, Miami, Eel River, and Wea tribes of Indians, for the extinguishment of their title to the lands therein described, and I recommend to the consideration of Congress the making provision by law for carrying them into execution.

JAMES MADISON.

FEBRUARY 28, 1810.

The said message and treaties were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States, with sundry amendments thereto, reported by a select committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Milnor reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Montgomery have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for two weeks from Monday next; Mr. Jenkins, for ten days, from this day; and Mr. Brown, of Maryland, for one week, from Monday next.

On motion of Mr. M'Kim, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to lay before this House such information as he may be possessed of, touching the emoluments and expenditures of the Collector of the port of Baltimore, for the years one thousand eight hundred and eight, and one thousand eight hundred and nine, in the discharge of the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. Love,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the first and second wards in the city of Washington, presented on the twentieth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the consideration of the report of the Secretary of War on the petition of Jonathan Williams; and that the same, together with the petition, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of William Nourse, referred on the twenty-third ultimo; which was read, and, together with the petition, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of John Heap, referred on the twenty-third of December last; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of John Mullowny, referred on the fourth of December last; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Francis and Judith Taylor, referred on the ninth ultimo; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

On motion of Mr. Morrow,

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States transmitting certain Indian treaties, received yesterday, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, enclosing his two annual reports respecting unproductive post routes and public contracts; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States three enrolled bills, entitled as follow, to wit:

"An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and ten;"

"An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and ten;" and

"An act for the appointment of an additional Judge, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of Madison county, in the Mississippi Territory."

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the three enrolled bills last mentioned.

On motion of Mr. Fisk,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Elizabeth Hamilton; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and disagreed to the resolution therein contained.

The said resolution was then again read, and is as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

And on the question to concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the said resolution,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 62, Nays ..... 52.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Ross,
Adam Seybert,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,

Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Thompson,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was then made by Mr. Gholson, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be directed to prepare and bring in a bill, pursuant to the prayer of the petition of Elizabeth Hamilton:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 61, Nays ..... 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Ross,
Dennis Smelt,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,

William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the purpose of trying the practical use of the Torpedo or Sub-marine Explosion;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Stedman have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from to-morrow, for the remainder of the session; and Mr. Van Dyke, for one week, from this day.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Governor of the State of Ohio, enclosing a resolution of the General Assembly of that State, expressive of their approbation of the conduct of the General Government in the negotiations with foreign Powers; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the report of the Postmaster General made on the second instant, relative to unproductive post roads, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Eppes, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-seventh ultimo, on the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes," together with the amendments proposed by Mr. Eppes to the aforesaid amendments, presented a bill authorizing the President to employ the public armed vessels of the United States in protecting by convoy merchant vessels owned wholly by citizens of the United States, in voyages to ports or places with which intercourse is prohibited by the decrees or orders of the Governments of Great Britain and France; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the select committee last mentioned be discharged from the consideration of the bill authorizing the President of the United States to employ the public armed vessels, and permitting merchant vessels to arm for the defence of American commerce; and that it be referred to the Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Eppes, from the said select committee, reported that the committee had, according to order, had the aforesaid amendments of the Senate under consideration, and disagreed to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments of the Senate; and the same being again read at the Clerk's table,

The question was taken that the House do concur with the select committee in their disagreement to all except the tenth of the said amendments, which goes to strike out the thirteenth section of the bill:

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 67, Nays ..... 47.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
William Ely,
James Emott,
David S. Garland,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Ross,
Dennis Smelt,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

The question was then taken upon concurring with the select committee in their disagreement to the said tenth amendment,

And unanimously resolved in the affirmative, every member present voting thereon, as follow:

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

The question to concur with the select committee in their disagreement to the title of the said bill as amended by the Senate was then taken,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Poindexter, on the first instant, in relation to the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary, in New Orleans, and the same being modified, to read as follows:

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the persons, or their legal representatives, who were removed from the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary, in the Territory of Orleans, by order of the President of the United States, on the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, to institute such suit or action as may be necessary, in the District Court of New Orleans, against the Attorney of the United States for the District of Orleans, who shall be constituted a defendant in such action, for the express purpose of asserting and defending the right of the United States to said batture, and that the Judge of the said Court, after the issue is joined between the parties, be authorized and required to order such action to be tried in such Circuit Court of the United States, where, in his opinion, a fair and impartial trial can be had; and the judgment of the Court to which the same shall be removed for trial as aforesaid, may be re-examined and reversed or affirmed in the same manner as other causes in such Circuit Court are; and the final judgment, sentence, or decree, in such action shall be final and conclusive between the United States and all individual claimants as to the title of the said batture, and may be plead in bar to any subsequent suit or action for the recovery of the same, or any part thereof; and the record and proceedings in such action shall be returned and deposited among the judgments of the said District Court of the Territory of Orleans.

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas .... 60, / Nays .... 47.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Henry Crist,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
David S. Garland,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Ross,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
William Stedman,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
William Crawford,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin.

Barzillai Gannett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Alexander M'Kim,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

Ordered, That a bill be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Ross, Mr. Van Horn, and Mr. Miller, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1810.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting his annual report of the names and salaries of the Clerks employed in his Department, during the last year; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Garland presented a petition of Bartlett Hawkins, of the State of Virginia, praying for an increase of pension, and for such a grant of land as he may be entitled to for services as a soldier in the Virginia line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Richard Davidson; and that the same be referred to the Secretary of the Navy for adjustment.

Mr. Eppes, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented a bill making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Pickman presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Beverly and Danvers, in the State of Massachusetts, praying for the erection of piers and buoys at the entrance of the harbor of Beverly aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Emott, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-second of January last, on the petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of New York, presented a bill relative to the returning and empannelling of jurors in the Courts of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Ross,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert and Amelia Weeks, presented on the fifteenth of June last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Love, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented a bill to make public a road in Washington county, in the District of Columbia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate insist on their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act especting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain

and France, and for other purposes;" and ask a conference on the subject-matter of the said amendments. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the Secretary of the Department of War," with amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. They have, also, passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles Minifie;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the President to employ the public armed vessels of the United States in protecting by convoy merchant vessels owned wholly by citizens of the United States, in voyages to ports or places with which intercourse is prohibited by the decrees or orders of the Governments of Great Britain and France; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House proceeded to consider that part of the message from the Senate which relates to the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the subject-matter of the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes."

And on the question that the House do insist on their vote of disagreement to the amendments of the Senate,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 73, Nays ..... 42.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
William Ely,
James Emott,
David S. Garland,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Ross,
John Stanley,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
George M Troup,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the conference asked by the Senate, and appoint Mr. Macon, Mr. Fisk, and Mr. Cutts, managers on their part.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1810.

Mr. Fisk presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Locke, in Cayuga county, in the State of New York, praying for the establishment of a post route from the post office in Homer, by Benjamin Williams's, in said Locke, to the post office in Genoa.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Clopton,

Ordered, That the petitions of John Adams and Robert Poore, presented on the twenty-second of February and ninth of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Hufty, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of altering the times of holding the District Court of the United States for the District of New Jersey; and that they have leave to report by bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Hufty, Mr. Seybert, and Mr. Matthews, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Emott, from the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, on the petition of Jared Duncan, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Macon presented a petition of Daniel Jones, of the State of North Carolina, praying compensation for services rendered, and moneys advanced, whilst a Captain in the North Carolina line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sheffey, from the committee appointed on the fifth instant, presented a bill providing the means to ascertain the title to the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Burwell,

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Claims, made the seventh ultimo, on the petition of James Sawyers, be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for re-

turning the surveys thereon to the Secretary of the Department of War;" and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question put thereon, concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the purpose of trying the practical use of the Torpedo or submarine explosion," was read the first time.

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, that the said bill be rejected;

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 27, Nays ..... 76.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
William Ely,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Kinckerbacker,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Stanley,
James Stevenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, junior,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard, Stanford,
John Taylor,

John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, junior,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

The said bill was then read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles Minifie," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States; and, after some sime spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Milnor reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration and made several amendments thereto.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments: When,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1810.

A motion was made by Mr Weakley, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn: And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 3, Nays ..... 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Nathaniel Macon,
Archibald Van Horn,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Chamberlin.
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
John Davenport, junior,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, junior,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

On motion of Mr. Whitehill,

Ordered, That two petitions from sundry inhabitants of the Townships of Tyrone and

Tyboine, in Cumberland county, State of Pennsylvania, presented on the fifth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. M'Kee, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire as to the expediency of establishing a post road from Stanford, in Lincoln county, by Cassey Court House, by Columbia, to Barren Court House, all in the State of Kentucky.

Resolved, That the same committee also inquire as to the expediency of establishing a post road from the road forks in Knox county, to Clay Court House.

A motion was made by Mr. M'Kee, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States af America in Congress assembled, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be, and they are hereby, authorized to adjourn their respective Houses on Monday, the second day of April next.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Alexander Maccullagh, of the Mississippi Territory, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, to be confirmed in his title to several tracts of land situated in said Territory, derived from the British Government of West Florida.

Mr. Poindexter also presented a petition of Isaac Ross and David M'Caleb, of the Mississippi Territory, praying for a right of pre-emption to the lands on which they have respectively settled, being at present the property of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Jennings, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be, and they are hereby, directed to inquire into the expediency of constituting and establishing a new district for the disposal of the United States' lands in the Indiana Territory, to be bounded as follows, to wit : On the East by the line dividing the sixth and seventh ranges ; East by the second principal meridan ; on the North by the Indian boundary line ; on the West by the line dividing the seventh and eight ranges, West of the second principal meridian ; on the South by the river Ohio.

On motion of Mr. Love,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the consideration of the bill to amend the charter of Alexandria ; and that the Committee of the Whole House be also discharged from the consideration of the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act for the establishment of a turnpike company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia."

On motion of Mr Southard, and seconded,

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred so much of the President's message as relates to the organization of the militia of the United States, be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments are necessary in the act or acts of Congress relative to exemption from militia duty, and which require annual returns of the enrolled militia in the respective States to be made to the President of the United States ; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, presented a bill for the relief of Elizabeth Hamilton ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, to whom was committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles Minifie," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of Eugene de Leitzendorfer, stating that, at the solicitation of General Eaton he relinquished in the year one thousand eight hundred, and four, his command as chief engineer and chief of the staff and director of the artillery of the Turkish army in Egypt, for the purpose of assisting that officer in his military operations against Tripoli ; in consequence of which he has been subjected to many hardships and losses, and having at lengh arrived in America, he finds himself destitute of the means of subsistence in the midst of plenty ; and soliciting such pecuniary aid from Congress as will enable him to subsist until he can acquire a knowledge of the American language.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, to wit:

The consideration of the amendments reported by the Committee of the Whole House to the bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Root, and seconded, to amend the report of the Committee of the Whole House, by striking out the ninth section of the bill, for the purpose of inserting, in lieu thereof, another section:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on concurring with the Committee of the Whole House in their said amendments:

And the same being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said bill being then further amended at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made by Mr. Van Horn, and seconded, to amend the same by striking out, in the eighth line of the fourth section, the words "beyond sea:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 42, Nays ..... 72.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Jamas Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland, jr.
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,

Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Weakley,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was made by Mr. Pearson, and seconded, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "act," in the third line of the fourth section, the words, "which engagement shall expressly state the liability to be taken on service without the limits and jurisdiction of the United States not beyond sea:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 55, Nays ..... 49.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
Henry Crist,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
David S. Garland,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Daniel Sheffey,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
John Dawson,

Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Nathaniel Macon,
Alexander M'Kim,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Witherspoon.

An adjournment was then called for: On which,
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1810.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That Mr. Moseley be appointed of the committee on that part of the President's message, at the commencement of the session, which relates to the organization of the militia of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Love,

Ordered, That the petition of John Brent, late Collector of the Customs at Nanjemoy, and John Randall, Collector at Annapolis, in the State of Maryland, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Love, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented a bill to amend the laws within the District of Columbia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

An engrossed bill to make public a road in Washington county, in the District of Columbia, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act to make public a road in Washington county, in the District of Columbia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Gholson,

Ordered, That the unfinished business of yesterday do lie on the table.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the select committee on the petition of Amy Dardin; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their agreemeent to the resolution therein contained.

The said resolution being read at the Clerk's table in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and *ought to be granted:*

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Gholson, Mr. Tracy, and Mr. Heister, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the petition of Tristram Hussey; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed

the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the resolution therein contained, to wit:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and *ought to be granted.*

The question was then taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Margaret Lapsley; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their disagreement to the resolution therein contained, and their agreement to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and *ought to be granted.*

The question was then taken to concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the resolution submitted in the said report,

And resolved in the affirmative.

And then the question was taken to concur with the Committee of the Whole House in the resolution before recited:

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 64, Nays ..... 36.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
Henry Crist,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Richard M. Johnson,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Matthias Richards,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,

James Cox,
William Crawford,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
Jacob Hufty,
William Kennedy,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

Ordered, That a bill be brought in, pursuant to the said recited resolution; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act relative to the District Court of the United States established in the Territory of Orleans;" also, a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate a company for making certain turnpike roads in the District of Columbia;" to which bills they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Peter Landais; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the resolution therein contained, to wit:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

The question was then taken to concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The House proceeded to consider the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act for the establishment of a turnpike company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia:" When it was,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of John Thompson; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their disagreement to the resolution therein contained, to wit:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

The question was then taken to concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Gholson, and seconded, the following resolution was then agreed to by the House:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of John Thompson is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill be brought in, pursuant thereto; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisk, and seconded, that the House do reconsider their vote for an adjournment until Monday next:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1810.

Another member, to wit: from Virginia, John Randolph, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

On motion of Mr. Macon,

Ordered, That the petition of John Minor, administrator of Reuben Minor, deceased,

presented on the twenty-seventh of April, one thousand eight hundred and two, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting his report in relation to claims for invalid pensions; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief Charles Minifie," be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from William Lambert, enclosing certain astronomical calculations in addition to those accompanying his petition; which were referred to the committee appointed on the representation of Neale H. Shaw, on the subject of the variation of the magnetic needle.

Mr. Lyle presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route from the town of Washington to Burgetstown.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Ordered, That the petition of Edmund Brooke, presented on the first of February, one thousand eight hundred and three, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on that part of the petition of Francis and Judith Taylor, referred to them on the ninth ultimo; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their application for bounty lands.

On motion of Mr. Clopton,

Ordered, That the petition of John Hardyman, presented on the nineteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act relative to the District Court of the United States, established in the Territory of Orleans," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate a company for making certain turnpike roads in the District of Columbia," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Gholson presented a petition of Thomas Graham, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of a wound received whilst a soldier in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

An engrossed bill to amend an act, entitled "An act for the establishment of a turnpike company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for the establishment of a turnpike company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have postponed until the first Monday in December next, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the removal of slaves from one part of the District of Columbia to another." They have passed the bill, entitled "An act to prevent the issuing of sea letters, except to certain vessels," with amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. They have also passed the bill, entitled "An act providing for the third census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," with amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill regulating the Post Office Establishment; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which were read at the Clerk's table, and severally concurred in by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. W. Alston, and seconded, further to amend the said bill, by striking out the thirty-ninth section thereof:

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1810.

On motion of Mr. Livermore,

Ordered, That the petition of Lemuel Coffin, presented on the thirtieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Gholson, from the committee appointed on the ninth instant, presented a bill for the relief of Amy Dardin; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Eppes, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented a bill for the relief of William Baynham; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thusday next.

Mr. Eppes, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Christopher Dudley, Samuel Ashe, and David Jones, referred to them on the ninth ultimo; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Mr. Newton, from the committee appointed, on the first ultimo, on the report of the Secretary of War, made in obedience to a resolution of this House, of the twenty-second of January last, reported the following resolution; which was read, considered, and concurred in by the House, to wit:

Resolved, That the committee to whom has been referred the report of the Secretary of War, made in obedience to a resolution of this House, of the twenty-second of January, one thousand eight hundred and ten, be instructed to inquire into the cause or causes of the great mortality in that detachment of the army of the United States, ordered for the defence of New Orleans; and that the committee be authorized to send for persons and papers.

On motion of Mr. M'Kim, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of altering the times of holding the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Maryland; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. M'Kim, Mr. Stephenson, and Mr. Lyle, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Mary Piercy, together with a report of the Secretary of War thereon, referred to them on the sixteenth of January last; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the Secretary of the Department of War," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. M'Kee, on the eighth instant, fixing a time for an adjournment of Congress.

A motion was made by Mr. Willis Alston, jun. and seconded, that the farther consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

A motion was then made by Mr. Winn, and seconded, that the same be postponed until the first Monday in April next:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 38, / Nays ..... 79.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Adam Boyd,
John Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
William Crawford,
Gideon Gardner,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
John Thompson,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Howell Cobb,
James Cox,
Henry Crist,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
John W. Eppes,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Thomas Newbold,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Willis Alston, to postpone until Monday next:

And the same being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in obedience to a resolution of the second instant, a statement of the emoluments and expenditures of the Collector of Baltimore, during the years one thousand eight hundred and eight, and one thousand eight hundred and nine; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States;" and the same being read at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the first, fifth, and eighth, and doth disagree to the second, third, fourth, sixth, and seventh of the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to prevent the issuing of sea letters, except to certain vessels:" When it was,

Ordered, That the said amendments be committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill regulating the Post Office Establishment.

The question depending at the time of adjournment, to wit: to strike out the thirty-ninth section of the bill, being again stated:

A motion was made by Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded, that the said bill do lie on the table:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. M'Kee, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the same be postponed until to-morrow:

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1810.

Mr. Witherspoon, from the committee appointed, on the fourteenth ultimo, on the petition of Alexander Scott, made a report thereon; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the fourteenth and twenty-first ultimo, the petitions of John Motlow and Joseph Brown, be discharged from the farther consideration thereof; and that the same be referred to the Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Sammons presented a petition of Freegift Patchin, of the State of New York, praying compensation for services rendered as a militia-man in the State of New York, during the Revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Holland, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-fifth of January last, on the petition of Return Jonathan Meigs, jun. and others, presented a bill giving a further compensation to the witnesses and venire who attended the trial of Aaron Burr, before the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Virginia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. M'Kim,

Ordered, That the letter and report received yesterday from the Secretary of the Treasury, be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill for the relief of the Collectors of Philadelphia and Norfolk.

Mr. Whitehill presented a petition of Timothy Dempsey, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying relief in consideration of injuries and hardships sustained whilst a soldier in the army of the United States, in the Western country.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. N. R. Moore,

Ordered, That the petition of John Elliot, presented on the twenty-fifth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Johnson, from the Committee

of Claims, presented a bill for the relief of Moses Young; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Johnson also made a detailed report of facts relating to the case of the said Moses Young; which was read, and committed to the same Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also presented a bill for the relief of John Thompson; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Thomas Rouse, referred on the twenty-sixth of January last; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Philip Weeks and Amelia Weeks, referred on the first instant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of David Goff, referred on the thirtieth of November last; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of John Strother, referred on the third of January last; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Jacob Bagley, referred on the twenty-sixth instant; which was read, considered, and recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Dennis Pursel, referred on the twenty-seventh of December last; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of William Quigley, referred on the twenty-sixth ultimo; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Findley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Indiana, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route from Bedford, through Armagh, Indiana, Kittanning, until the same shall intersect the route between Pittsburgh and Erie.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

A motion was made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be directed to report to this House the annual amount of expenditure incurred by the General Post Office, in conveying the mail from this city, by Athens, in Georgia, to New Orleans, with the proceeds of the same, from the establishment of that route to the present time; distinguishing the amount incurred from this to the Coweta towns, from the remainder of the route.

A motion was made by Mr. Lyon, and seconded, to add to the end thereof the following: And, also, what is the probable amount of the postage of letters carried on that route, and the time saved in the carriage of letters thereon;

And the question being taken so to amend,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then taken to agree to the resolution as amended,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The House proceeded to consider the bill regulating the Post Office Department; and the question depending and undetermined at the time of adjournment yesterday, to strike out the thirty-ninth section of the bill, was again stated:

And the same being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

The said bill was then further amended, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate insist on their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," which have been disagreed to by this House; and ask a conference upon the subject-matter thereof. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing the means to ascertain the title to the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1810.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of Richard Wright, of the State of Virginia, praying to be allowed and paid for three years services as a soldier in the Virginia line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Van Horn,

Ordered, That the petitions of Rinaldo Johnson and John O'Hara, presented on the nineteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, and seventeenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported that the committee had, according to order, had the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to prevent the issuing of sea letters except to certain vessels," under consideration, and agreed to the same, with an amendment.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the said amendments of the Senate, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Newton, from the same committee, also presented a bill for the relief of Tristram Hussey; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Bibb, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route in the State of Georgia, from Columbia Court House, to Warren Court House, and from thence to Sparta.

On motion of Mr. Stanley,

Ordered, That the petition of John Kerr, presented on the first of June last, be referred to Mr. Stanley, Mr. Crist, Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Cox, to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Macon, from the managers appointed on the part of this House, on the sixth instant, to confer with the managers appointed on the part of the Senate upon the subject-matter of the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Eppes, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented a bill for imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any foreign port or place; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Eppes, from the same committee, also presented a bill "to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of Clerks ... to authorize the laying

out of certain public roads, and for other purposes;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of John Potter, referred on the first instant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, presented a bill concerning invalid pensioners; which was received.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Frederick Sponcelar; which was received.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, presented a bill for the relief of Margaret Lapsley; which was received.

The House proceeded to consider the message from the Senate of yesterday, upon the subject-matter of the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth insist on their disagreement to the amendments aforesaid, agree to the conference asked by the Senate upon the subject-matter thereof, and appoint Mr. Fisk, Mr. Pitkin, and Mr. Macon, managers at the said conference on their part.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion was made by Mr. Bassett, and seconded, that the order of the day for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing the means to ascertain the title to the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans, be postponed until Monday next:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The House then, according to order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

The question was then taken that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

And determined in the negative.

An adjournment was then called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1810.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisk, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 5, Nays ..... 43.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John C. Chamberlain,
Jonathan Fisk,
Gideon Gardner,
Nathaniel A. Haven.
George Smith.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Chamberlin,
John Clopton,
William Crawford,
Joseph Desha,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson,
Daniel Heister,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
John Love,

Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Alexander M'Kim,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the emoluments of the Officers of the Customs, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting sundry statements prepared in obedience to "An act establishing a Mint and regulating the coins of the United States;" which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Root presented a petition of Timothy Reardin, of the State of New York, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of wounds received whilst a soldier in the New York line of the Revolutionary army, and that he may be allowed and paid the arrearages of pay due for his services as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Gholson, from the select committee appointed on the seventh of December last, made a report on the petition of Edwin C. Brown, referred on the twenty-first of the same month; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

The report made yesterday by the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Frederick Sponcelar, was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

The bill presented yesterday concerning invalid pensioners was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The bill also presented yesterday for the relief of Margaret Lapsley, was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Rinaldo Johnson, and that the same be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means; and that the committee be also discharged from the consideration of the petition of Joseph Bishop; and that the same be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. M'Kim, from the committee appointed on the thirteenth instant, presented a bill to alter the times for holding the Circuit Court of the United States, for the District of Maryland; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Belfast, in the District of Maine, praying that the said town may be made a port of delivery.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Mumford,

Ordered, That the petition of Joshua Sands, Collector of the port of New York, presented on the ninth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the same committee.

Mr. Ely presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Greenwich, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the turnpike road lately constructed from New London, in Connecticut, to the Canada line, may be established as a post road.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Isaac Ross and David M'Caleb; which was received.

Mr. Morrow, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of a committee appointed by the Baptist church at Salem meeting house, in the Mississippi Territory; which was received.

An engrossed bill regulating the Post Office Establishment was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act regulating the Post Office Establishment."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for altering the time for holding the District Court in Ohio;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Amy Dardin; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the Secretary of the Department of War."

Mr. Coles also delivered in a message, in writing, and then withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Elizabeth Hamilton; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, to amend the said bill by striking out the following words: "*five years full pay for the services of her said deceased husband as a Licutenant Colonel in the Revolutionary war, which five years full pay is the commutation of his half pay for life;*" for the purpose of inserting, "whatever may be due to her for his services as an officer during the Revolutionary war."

A division of the question on the said amendment was called for by Mr. Gholson, and the same being seconded,

The question was taken upon striking out the said recited words,

And determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 54, / Nays ..... 57.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,

Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Thomas Gholson,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Ross,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

And so the said motion was rejected.

A motion was then made by Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded, to amend the same by adding thereto the following proviso:

"*Provided*, That it shall appear to the satisfaction of the accounting officers of the Treasury Department, that the said Alexander Hamilton ever was entitled to half pay or commutation:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 55, Nays ..... 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jr.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,

Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Thomas Gholson,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Ross,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Crist have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn:
And the question being taken thereon,
It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 13, Nays ..... 51.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
William Ely,
Jonathan Fisk,
Gideon Gardner.

William Hale,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Ross,
George Smith,
Samuel Taggart,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
John C. Chamberlain,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
William Crawford,
Henry Crist,
John Davenport, jr.
Joseph Desha,
Meshack Franklin,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Vincent Matthews,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

The report made yesterday by the Committee on the Public Lands on the petition of a committee appointed by the congregation of the Baptist church at Salem, in the Mississippi Territory, was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That five acres of land, including the ground on which the Baptist meetinghouse at Salem, in the Mississippi Territory, is built, be reserved from sale, for the use of the Baptist society at that place.

Ordered, That a bill be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee on the Public Lands do prepare and bring in the same.

The report also made yesterday by the Committee on the Public Lands on the petition of Isaac Ross and David M'Caleb, was read, and the resolution therein contained, concurred in by the House, as follows;

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners is *unreasonable*, and ought *not* to be granted.

The message from the President of the United States received yesterday, was read, and is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

A treaty having been entered into and duly ratified with the Kickapoo tribe of Indians, for the extinguishment of their title to certain lands within the Indiana Territory, involving conditions which require legislative provision, I submit copies thereof to both Houses for consideration.

JAMES MADISON.

March 16, 1810.

Ordered, That the said message and documents, which accompany the same, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for altering the time for holding the District Court of Ohio," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Fisk presented a petition of John Dayton, praying to be released from imprisonment in the debtors' prison, in the city of New York, where he is confined under the suspicion of evading the acts laying and executing an embargo within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. P. B. Porter, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a light or beacon on Bird Island, near the Eastern extremity of Lake Erie; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of altering or extending the time of holding the Federal District Courts of North Carolina.

Ordered, That Mr. Sawyer, Mr. Winn, Mr. Holland, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Gray, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Samuel C. Young, referred on the thirtieth of November last; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House Friday next.

Mr. Morrow, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Joseph Wilson, referred on the fourth of December last; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner *ought* to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee on the Public Lands do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Bacon,

Ordered, That the petition of George Pomeroy, presented on the eighth of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bacon presented a petition of Amasa Soper, of the State of Vermont, praying to be allowed and paid the commutation of his half pay as a captain in the Massachusetts line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, that the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads have liberty to sit until twelve o'clock in each day hereafter, although the House be session, until they be ready to report.

A motion was then made by Mr. Van Horn, and seconded, to amend the said motion, by inserting after the words "Post Roads," the following:

"And the Committee on the affairs of the District of Columbia:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question recurring on the original motion as proposed by Mr. Rhea,

And the same being taken,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Morrow presented two petitions of the inhabitants of the town of Marietta, in the State of Ohio, praying for the establishment of two post routes, to wit: from said town to Zanesville, and to Wheeling in the State of Virginia.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Amy Dardin, widow and personal representative of David Dardin, deceased, was read the third time.

A motion was made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded, that the same be recommitted to a select committee:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken that the said bill do pass,

It resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 82, Nays ..... 24.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,	John Campbell,
Willis Alston, jr.	John C. Chamberlain,
William Anderson,	William Chamberlin,
Burwell Bassett,	Epaphroditus Champion,
Daniel Blaisdell,	Martin Chittenden,
James Breckenridge,	Matthew Clay,

John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, junior,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Meshack Franklin,
Jacob Hufty,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Nicholas R. Moore,
John Porter,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Charles Turner, jr.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act for the relief of Amy Dardin, widow and personal representative of David Dardin, deceased."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill for the relief of Elizabeth Hamilton, and no other amendment being proposed,

The question was stated, Shall the said bill be engrossed and read a third time?

And the same being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 63, Nays ..... 54.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,

John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Thomas Gholson,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Richard M. Johnson,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
John Love,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Ross,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

The said bill being then brought in engrossed, was read the third time:
And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas .... 63, / Nays ..... 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Ephraproditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Thomas Gholson,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Richard M. Johnson,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livington,
John Love,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Peter B. Porter
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Ross,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt
John Stanley,
James Stevenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jr.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act for the relief of Elizabeth Hamilton."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States ;
And debate arising thereon,
An adjournment was called for : On which,
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.
And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Ross have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from the twenty-fifth instant, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Turner presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Bangor, in the District of Maine, praying that the said town may be established as a port of delivery.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Anderson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Mifflin and Franklin counties, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying for the establishment of a post route from Mifflin Town through Waterford and Concord to Fannetsburg.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. J. C. Chamberlain, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-seventh of January last, on the petition of Luke M. Leighton, made a report thereon ; which was read and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows :

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to *withdraw* his petition.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. M'Kee, on the eighth instant, fixing a time for an adjournment of the present session of Congress ; and the same being modified by Mr. M'Kee,

A motion was made by Mr. Stanley, to strike out the words "third Monday," for the purpose of inserting "first Monday :"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. W Alston, and seconded, that the said resolution be referred to a committee to be appointed on the part of this House, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to consider and report what business is necessary to be done by Congress in their present session, and when it may be expedient to close the same :

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 75, Nays ..... 42.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alson,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,

Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Vincent Matthews,
Samuel M'Kee,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Ezekiel Whitman,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Ordered, That Mr. W. Alston, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Southard, Mr. Findley, and Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, be appointed a committee, for the above mentioned purpose, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Postmaster General to contract for carrying a mail between Boston and Newburyport, in the State of Massachusetts, over the Newburyport turnpike road ; with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, that the said resolution do lie on the table :

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken to agree to the said resolution :

And resolved in the affirmative.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for altering the time of holding the District Court of Ohio," was read the third time :

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the sixteenth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the Secretary of the Department of War.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States.

A motion was made by Mr. Pitkin, and seconded, to amend the same, by striking out the fifth section thereof, for the purpose of inserting the following:

Section 5. *And be it further enacted*, That, within one month after a return of such detachment and volunteers shall be made to the Department of War, the Secretary of War shall cause to be transmitted to the several States and Territories of the United States, from the arsenals of the United States, ——— thousand stands of arms; the number to be transmitted to each State and Territory to be in proportion to the number of effective men therein, to be distributed to the militia in each State and Territory, under such rules and regulations as shall be by law prescribed by the Legislatures thereof respectively, according to the act of the twenty-third of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight, entitled "An act making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States."

A division of the question on the said amendment was called for:

And the same being taken on the first member thereof, to strike out the said fifth section,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 40, Nays ..... 70.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
William Helms,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loc Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Vincent Matthews,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Stanley,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,

John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

And so the said motion was rejected.

A motion was made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, to amend the same, by adding to the end of the fifth section, the following:

"And that in case of a return of any detachment of militia from a State or Territory, in pursuance of the first section of this act, there shall be furnished by the United States, a number of muskets and other accoutrements required by law, equal to the whole number of non-commissioned officers and privates so detached, and the same shall be transmitted to such State or Territory for the use of the detachment when called into actual service, and eventually may be distributed to the militia in the State or Territory, and shall be prescribed by the Legislature thereof, according to the act of the twenty-third of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight, entitled "An act making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 38, Nays ..... 67.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Vincent Matthews,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Stanley,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John C. Chamberlain,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,

James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was then made by Mr. Hale, and seconded, to add to the bill the following section:

And be it further enacted, That any volunteer that has or shall completely arm and equip himself according to law, and shall retain the same during the term of his enlistment, shall receive a compensation therefor in money, equal to the value of such arms and equipment, to be estimated by the Secretary of War:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 34, Nays ..... 73.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincey,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,

Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newhold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Robert Weakley,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was made by Mr. Pickman, and seconded, to strike out the sixth section of the said bill, which section is as follows:

"Section 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the said volunteers shall, once in each year, if not called into actual service, be encamped for ten days successively, for improvement in camp duty and discipline, either by regiments, battalions, or companies, as the Commandant of Brigade shall direct; and in case any non-commissioned officer, musician, or private, shall fail to attend and perform his duty as aforesaid, without an excuse satisfactory to the Commandant of his regiment, or shall so appear without being uniformed according to orders, his arms and accoutrements, or musical instrument, shall revert to the United States:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 40, Nays .... 77.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Stanley,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was made by Mr. Key, and seconded, to amend the said bill, by inserting, after the word "war," at the end of the sixth line of the fourth section, the following:

Provided, nevertheless, That the said volunteers and militia, when called into actual service, shall not, for any offence, suffer corporal punishment by the infliction of lashes:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 105, Nays ..... 8.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John C. Chamberlain,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,

William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasaat M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggert,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, junior,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Nathaniel Macon,
Alexander M'Kim,
Nicholas Moore,
Thomas Newbold,
John Roane,
Thomas Sammons,
Samuel Smith,
James Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Hufty,

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table.

A motion was made by Mr. Emott, and seconded, further to amend the same, by adding to the end of the second section, the following proviso:

"*Provided*, That the volunteers so to be accepted, shall not exceed twenty thousand:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 38, Nays ..... 70.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,

Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
John Ross,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments which have been agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate *adhere* to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the commerciel intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes." And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1810.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Richard Tervin, referred on the thirtieth of November last; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner be permitted to substantiate his claims to a donation certificate, and that he produce the proof of his cultivation and settlement to the Register and Receiver of Public Moneys of the district East of Pearl river, in the Mississippi Territory, who shall decide thereon.

Ordered, That a bill be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee on the Public Lands do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Morrow, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Charles and Michael Trefoe, by their agent E. Turner, referred on the twelfth ultimo; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

On motion of Mr. Clay, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be instructed to report to this House whether any, and what, expedition may be given to the correspondence between this place and the seats of government of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, by employing for that purpose the present route to Orleans; and what would be the probable expense of establishing connecting lines: Also, the amount of money expended in making and clearing the road from Athens to Orleans; and to furnish all the information he possesses respecting the present state of the mail route from Washington city, by Athens, to Orleans.

Mr. Stanley, from the committee appointed, on the fourteenth instant, on the petition of John Kerr, presented a bill authorizing the discharge of John Kerr from his imprisonment; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Sheffey,

Ordered, That the petition of Patrick Carrol, presented on the twenty-sixth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Fisk, from the managers appointed on the part of this House, to confer with the managers appointed on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of John Elliot, referred on the fourteenth instant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Zebulon Wade, referred on the ninth ultimo; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of John Hardyman, referred on the twelfth instant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Richard Wright, referred on the fifteenth instant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Thomas King, referred on the twenty-seventh ultimo; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the message from the Senate, adhering to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes."

A motion was made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the further consideration of the said amendments be postponed until Tuesday next:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 62, Nays ..... 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,	William A. Burwell,
Willis Alston, jun.	Joseph Calhoun,
William Anderson,	Matthew Clay,
Burwell Bassett,	John Clopton,
Adam Boyd,	Howell Cobb,
John Brown,	James Cochran,
Robert Brown.	Orchard Cook,

James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William Butler,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
James Emott,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson junior,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Matthias Richards,
John Ross,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, his Secretary, who delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their second, sixth, and seventh amendments to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States;" and also recede from their fourth amendment to the said bill, with a modification. And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States was read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative { Yeas ..... 70, Nays ..... 47.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alson,
Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Weakley,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
John C. Chamberlain,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Helms,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Another message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur with this House in their amendment to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to prevent the issuing of sea letters except to certain vessels," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1810.

On motion of Mr. Seybert,

Ordered, That the memorial of William Hall and Robert Sellers, presented on the twenty-seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. George Smith, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-fifth of January last, on the petition of certain collectors, presented a bill for altering the times and places for holding the District Court in the District of Maine; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The message from the President of the United States, received yesterday, was read, and is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I lay before Congress a return of the Militia of the United States, as received by the Department of War, from the several States and Territories.

JAMES MADISON.

MARCH 20, 1810.

Ordered, That the said message and return do lie on the table.

Mr. Winn presented a petition of Joseph Brevard, of the State of South Carolina, praying to be allowed and paid the amount of a final settlement certificate, issued to the petitioner for services as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina line of the Revolutionary army, which certificate was accidentally lost in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

Mr. Anderson presented a petition of Bernard Hubley, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States in consideration of wounds received whilst a Captain in the Pennsylvania line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Henry B. Livingston, referred on the twenty-seventh of December last; which was read, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Gilbert I. Livingston.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Timothy Dempsey, referred on the fourteenth instant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of John O'Hara, referred on the fifteenth instant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Amasa Soper, referred on the seventeenth instant; which was read, and recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented a bill to erect a lighthouse at the entrance of Scituate harbor; a stone column on a spit of land at the entrance into Boston harbor; and a beacon on Beach Point, near Plymouth harbor, in the State of Massachusetts; and a light house at the entrance of Bayou St. John, into Lake Pontchartrain; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, on Friday next.

A motion was made by Mr. Pearson, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire in the conduct of Brigadier General James Wilkinson, in relation to his having, at any time, whilst in the service of the United States, corruptly received money from the Government of Spain, or its agents, or in relation to his having, during the time aforesaid, been an accomplice, or in any way concerned with the agents of any foreign Power, or with Aaron Burr, in a project against the dominions of the King of Spain, or to dismember these United States: That the said committee inquire generally into the conduct of the said James Wilkinson, as Brigadier General of the army of the United States: That the said committee have power to send for persons and papers, and compel their attendance and production; and that they report the result to this House.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to prevent the issuing of sea letters, except to certain vessels;" and the same being read, was, on the question taken thereon, concurred in by the House.

The House then proceeded to consider the modification of the Senate to their fourth amendment to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States;" and the said modification being read, was, on the question taken thereon, concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate concur in the appointment of a joint committee to report what business is necessary to be done in the present session, and when it may be expedient to close the same; and have accordingly appointed a committee on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the bill providing the means to ascertain the title to the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary in New Orleans.

A motion was made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, to strike out from the word "that," in the second line of the first section of the bill, to the end of the said bill, for the purpose of inserting the following:

"That the interest in, or title to, the batture fronting the suburb St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans, which may have vested in the United States by the treaty of cession between the United States and France, concluded at Paris, on the thirtieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and three, be transferred to and vested in the corporation of the city of New Orleans, so far as to enable said corporation to defend any suit or action which may be instituted for the recovery of the whole or any part of the said batture, in any court having competent power and jurisdiction to hear and determine the same; and, if no such suit or action shall be instituted and prosecuted to final judgment or decree within ——— years, all individual claim, right, or title, to the batture shall thenceforth be *forever barred*.

"Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, in the trial of such suit or action, the jury shall be composed of citizens of the territory, but not of the city of Orleans.

"Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, until such trial shall be had, the said batture shall be used and enjoyed as a public highway and landing place as well by the citizens of the United States as the inhabitants of New Orleans, who shall continue to enjoy the same right of digging and carrying earth from the said batture, which they were accustomed to enjoy under the late Spanish Government."

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. J. C. Chamberlain have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Saturday next, for the remainder of the session.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of War, on the petition of Joseph Bishop, referred to him on the sixteenth instant; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Love,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed a resolution submitted by him on the twenty-second ultimo, for the establishment of a National Bank, be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and that the same be referred to Mr. Love, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Quincy, Mr. Desha, Mr. Root, and Mr. Marion, to consider and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, presented a bill to establish post roads; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Military and Naval Establishments of the United States ought to be reduced.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill for imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any foreign port or place.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of Urbain Guillet, on behalf of himself and his associates, known by the name of the "Society of La Trappe," resident in the Illinois Territory, praying a confirmation of their title to a certain described tract of land in said Territory; also, for a grant, or to be permitted to purchase on a credit of twelve years, *without interest*, a parcel of land adjoining their residence, and to be permitted to locate any warrants which they may hereafter be possessed of on public lands most convenient to themselves; the proceeds of all of which, they state, are to be applied to the free education of youth.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

A motion was made by Mr. Eppes, and seconded, that the unfinished business of yesterday be postponed until to-morrow:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the unfinished business do lie on the table.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which were read at the Clerk's table, and severally concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday.

The question depending and undetermined at the time of adjournment, to wit: on the motion of Mr. Bibb, to amend the bill providing the means to ascertain the title to the batture in front of the suburb of St. Mary, in New Orleans, was again stated:

And after farther debate thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1810.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made a report on the petition of Anthony Buck, referred on the eleventh of January last; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House this day.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Postmaster General, on the petition of Samuel Gordon, referred on the twenty-second of December last; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sawyer, from the committee appointed on the seventeenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill to alter the times of holding the District Courts of the United States, for the District of North Carolina; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Quincy, from the committee appointed, on the sixteenth of January last, on a statement of balances remaining unsettled on the books of the Treasury, presented a bill for the more effectual accountability of persons entrusted with public moneys; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Quincy also made a detailed report in relation to the balances aforesaid; which was read, and referred to the same Committee of the Whole House.

On motion of Mr. Thomas Moore,

Ordered, That the petition of Bernard Glenn, presented on the twenty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and two, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands

On motion of Mr. Eppes,

Ordered, That the petition of Littleberry Moseley, jr. presented on the seventh of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented a bill to allow the benefit of drawback on merchandise transported by land conveyance from Newport to Boston, and from Boston to Newport, in like manner as if the same were transported coastwise; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of Timothy Reardin, Thomas Graham, and Eugene de Leitzendorfer; and that the petitioners, Timothy Reardin and Thomas Graham, have leave to withdraw their petitions and documents.

Ordered, That the petition of the said Leitzendorfer be referred to Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, Mr. R. Brown, and Mr. Swoope, to consider and report thereon to the House.

An engrossed bill authorizing the discharge of John Kerr from his imprisonment was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing the discharge of John Kerr from his imprisonment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, and seconded, that the unfinished business of yesterday lie on the table:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The House then resumed the consideration of the bill providing the means to ascertain the title to the batture in front of the suburb of St. Mary, in New Orleans: When it was,

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined three enrolled bills, entitled as follow:

"An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States;

"An act to prevent the issuing of sea letters, except to certain vessels;" and

"An act to alter the times of holding the District Court in Ohio;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the discharge of Phineas Varney from his imprisonment; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, entitled "An act to make public a road in Washington county, in the District of Columbia," with amendments; in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded, that, when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again on Monday next:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1810.

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 28, Nays ..... 29.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Chamberlin,
William Ely,
Meshack Franklin,
Charles Goldsborough,
William Hale,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Roger Nelson,
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Randolph,
Adam Seybert,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,
William Anderson,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Gideon Gardner,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Helms,
Jacob Hufty,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim.
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Samuel Shaw,
Richard Stanford,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Witherspoon.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Johnson, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was again determined in the affirmative, { Yeas .... 27, Nays .... 49.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Orchard Cook,
William Ely,
Meshack Franklin,
Charles Goldsborough,
William Hale,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Roger Nelson,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Randolph,
Adam Sybert,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
James Wilson,

Those who voted in the negative, are,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
William Chamberlin,
John Clopton,
William Crawford,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, junior,

William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Josiah Quincy,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, three enrolled bills, entitled as follow :

"An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States ;"

" An act to prevent the issuing of sea letters, except to certain vessels ; " and

" An act for altering the time of holding the District Court in Ohio. "

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made reports on the several petitions of James Campbell, Benjamin Edwards, Archibald Thweatt, Thomas Wilcox, Robert Poore, and Daniel Jones ; which were read, and severally ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of John Adams ; which was read, and the further consideration thereof postponed until Friday next.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Benjamin Williams ; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows :

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, presented a bill for the relief of John Minor, administrator of Reuben Minor ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, " An act making appropriations for carying into effect certain Indian treaties."

Another engrossed bill authorizing the discharge of Phineas Varney from his imprisonment was read the third time.

A motion was made by Mr. Tallmadge, and seconded, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely :

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken that the said bill do pass,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 60, / Nays ..... 50.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
James Breckenridge,
William A. Burwell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Findley,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Herman Knickerbacker,

Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
John Nicholson,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Erastus Root,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jun.
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Meshack Franklin,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, junior
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Henry Southard,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act authorizing the discharge of Phineas Varney from his imprisonment."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bills to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill concerning invalid pensioners; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the purpose of trying the practical use of the Torpedo, or sub-marine explosion;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett, reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which was read, and concurred in by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, further to amend the said bill by adding to the end thereof the following section:

"*And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Navy, to cause all such obstacles to the success of the proposed experiment to be interposed as men experienced in naval affairs may suggest, and as enemies engaged in actual hostility would be likely to invent, so far as the same is practicable, without endangering the life of any citizen: *Provided, always*, That, in the selection or preparation of such vessel, or in its position and management, in the course of such experiment, or over

the mode, or the particulars of the resistance to the success of the experiment above-mentioned, the Torpedo inventor, and those acting under his direction or authority shall not have any control or authority whatsoever, but, in all respects, the said Torpedo inventor shall be prohibited from every other communication with such vessel, or interference with her management, except such as, in actual hostility, might be attainable:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 45, Nays ..... 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas Gholson,
Charles Goldsborough,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
William Milnor,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Adam Boyd,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Weakley,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time:

And debate arising on the passage thereof,
An adjournment was called for: On which,
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.
And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1810.

Mr. Sturges presented a petition of Joseph P. Weeks, of the State of Connecticut, master of a schooner called Ceres, praying a remission of the penalties and forfeitures incurred by him for an unknown violation of an act to prohibit the importation of slaves into the United States, in conveying on board said schooner a fugitive slave from the city of New York to Alexandria, in the District of Columbia.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. John Brown presented a petition of Elizabeth Sudler, of the State of Maryland, executrix of the last will and testament of William Wright, deceased, praying to be allowed and paid the amount of sundry loan-office certificates, amounting to upwards of nineteen thousand dollars, issued in the name of the said deceased, together with the interest which has accrued thereon, which said certificates were feloniously stolen from the agent of the said Wright, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and have not since been regained.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House a copy of any letters or despatches which may have been received in the Department of State, and do not require secresy, from Mr. Pinkney, our Minister at the Court of London, since his receipt of the letter of the twenty-third of November, one thousand eight hundred and nine, from the Secretary of State, communicated to this House by the President, on the twenty-ninth of said November.

A motion was made by Mr. Lyon, and seconded, to amend the same by inserting, after the word "State," the words "or by the Secretary thereof:"

And the question being taken thereon,
It was determined in the negative.
The question was then taken that the said resolution do pass,
And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas..... .... 109, / Nays..... 14.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
William Kennedy,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,

Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Alexander M'Kim,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Adam Boyd,
William A. Burwell,
John Dawson,
James Holland,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
John Porter,
Robert Whitehill.

Ordered, That Mr. Livermore and Mr. Root be appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President of the United States.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of Saturday last, to wit: the passage of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act making an appropriation for trying the practical use of the Torpedo, or sub-marine explosion."

A motion was made by Mr. Fisk, and seconded, to recommit the said bill to a select committee:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the passage of the said bill,

And the same being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 65, Nays ..... 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn.

James Holland,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
John Stanley,
James Stevenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Uri Tracy,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to alter and amend the act, entitled 'An act fixing the Military Peace Establishment of the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The President of the United States has approved and signed "An act for altering the time for holding the District Court in Ohio." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Livermore, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States the resolution of this day, reported that the committee had performed that duty, and that the President answered that the business should be attended to agreeably to the request and limits prescribed in the resolution.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts, to wit:

"An act to prevent the issuing of sea letters, except to certain vessels;" and

"An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the late and of the present army of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made amendments thereto; which were read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Wednesday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Tristram Hussey; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which was read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Mumford, and seconded,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House such information as he may have received touching the impressment of American seamen, which has been communicated to the Department of State since the last report made to the Senate in virtue of a resolution of that body bearing date the thirtieth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Ordered, That Mr. Mumford and Mr. Seaver be appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President of the United States.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to make public a road in Washington county, in the District of Columbia:" and the same being read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question taken thereon, concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to alter and amend the act, entitled 'An act fixing the Military Peace Establishment of the United States,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1810.

Mr. Breckenridge presented a petition of Peter Mines, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States in consequence of wounds received whilst a soldier in the Revolutionary army.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of Lewis and Charles Garanger, praying to be allowed and paid the arrearages of their pay and other emoluments due for their respective services as officers in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Tallmadge, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-eighth of December last, on the petition of Abraham Whipple, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of Abraham Whipple is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Mr. Tallmadge, then, from the same committee, presented a bill for the relief of Abraham Whipple, late a Captain in the Navy of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of sundry officers in the late Revolutionary army, residing in the counties of Jefferson and Berkeley, in the State of Virginia, praying to be allowed half pay during life.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of a select committee, made during the present session, on sundry memorials of other surviving officers of the Revolutionary army.

On motion of Mr. Hale,

Ordered, That the petition of Sampson Bell, and the report of the Committee of Claims thereon, be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on Public Lands, made a report on the petition of Edwin Lewis; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner shall have a preference in becoming the purchaser of five acres of land situate in the centre of his farm, whenever the said land shall be offered for sale.

Ordered, That a bill be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee on the Public Lands do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Morrow, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Gabriel Bolon, and Amable Bolon, referred on the twenty-eighth of December last; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Morrow, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Samuel Mims, referred on the fifteenth of January last; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That Samuel Mims be confirmed in his title to the quantity of five hundred and twenty-four acres of land, purchased by him of the legal representative of William Clark, deceased, so as not to deprive the heirs of said Clark of any legal remedy which they may have for the recovery of said land from the said Samuel Mims, his heirs or assigns:

Ordered, That a bill be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee on the Public Lands do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Morrow, from the same committee, presented a bill providing for the final adjustment of claims to lands in the Territories of Orleans and Louisiana, and for the sale of public lands in the Territory of Orleans; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Quincy, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-first ultimo, to inquire into the state of the ancient records and archives of the United States, and what measures are necessary for a more safe and orderly preservation thereof, made a report thereon; which was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, on Saturday next.

Mr. Milnor, from the committee appointed on the twenty-eighth of January last, to whom were referred, on the ninth and twelfth ultimo, the petitions of Samuel Rossetter and Deborah Gannett, made reports thereon; which were read, and the resolutions therein contained severally concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Milnor, from the same committee, who was instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the rate of full pensions to officers and soldiers who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

On motion of Mr. Milnor,

Ordered, That the last mentioned committee be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Nathaniel Gove; and that the same be referred to the Secretary of War.

On motion of Mr. S. Smith, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting a sum of money to erect a light-house at Presque Isle, on Lake Erie.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Tristram Hussey was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Tristram Hussey."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred in the amendment of this House to the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the purpose of trying the practical use of the Torpedo, or sub-marine explosion." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Mumford, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States a resolution of this House of yesterday, reported that the committee had performed that service, and received, for answer, that he would attend to the request of the House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, his Secretary, who delivered in the same, and withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes."

A motion was made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, that the House do adhere to their disagreement to the said amendments.

A motion was then made by Mr. Gholdson, and seconded, that the further consideration of the said bill and amendments be postponed until Monday next:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 54, Nays ..... 74.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Aaron Lyle,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Matthias Richards,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,

Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

The question recurring on the motion to adhere,
Debate arose: When,
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Sawyer have leave to be absent from the service of this House from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

The message from the President of the United States, received yesterday, was read, and is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

In consequence of your resolution of the twenty-sixth instant, an inquiry has been made into the correspondence of our Minister at the court of London with the Department of State; from which it appears that no official communication has been received from him since his receipt of the letter of November twenty-third last, from the Secretary of State. A letter of January fourth, one thousand eight hundred and ten, has been received from that Minister by Mr. Smith; but being stated to be private and unofficial, and involving, moreover, personal considerations of a delicate nature, a copy is considered as not within the purview of the call of the House.

JAMES MADISON.

MARCH 27, 1810.

Mr. Hufty, from the committee appointed on the seventh instant, presented a bill for altering the times of holding the District Court of the United States for the New Jersey District; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Saturday next.

Mr. Pitkin, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-fifth of January last, the memorial of William Lambert, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Van Dyke, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred so much of the President's message as relates to the Naval Establishment, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to sell such of the gun-boats belonging to the United States, as he may judge unfit or unnecessary to be employed in the public service.

A motion was made by Mr. Macon, to amend the same by inserting before the words, "gun-boats," the words, "public armed vessels, and;"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then taken that the House do agree to the resolution as amended,

And resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Jennings, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be, and they are hereby, directed to inquire into the expediency of instituting and establishing one or more districts for the disposal of the lands ceded to the United States by treaties between the United States and the Delaware, Pottawatamie, Eel River, Wea, and Kickapoo tribes of Indians, dated at Fort Wayne, on the thirtieth of September, and twenty-sixth of October, one thousand eight hundred and nine; and at Vincennes, on the ninth of December, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

An engrossed bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the late and of the present army of the United States, was read the third time: When it was,

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Ordered, To be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act to make public a road in Washington county, in the District of Columbia;" and

"An act making an appropriation for the purpose of trying the practical use of the Torpedo, or sub-marine explosion;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Hosue resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, to wit: the question on the motion of Mr. Macon, that the House do adhere to their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes."

A motion was then made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded, to postpone the consideration of the said bill and amendments until Saturday next:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 57, Nays ..... 66.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William A. Burwell,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
William Ely,
James Emott,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,

Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

The question to adhere recurring,
And after debate thereon,
A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn:
And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 60, / Nays ..... 62.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
William Anderson,
Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William A. Burwell,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

The question to adhere again recurring,
And after farther debate thereon,
An adjournment was called for: On which,
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Livingston and Mr. Lemuel J. Alston have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Clay, from the committee appointed on that part of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the session, which relates to the organization of the militia of the United States, made a report thereon; which was read, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A motion was made by Mr. Dawson, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law for the classification of the militia of the United States according to age, and for arming such as may be called into actual service.

The said resolution was read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting two reports, in obedience to the resolutions of the House, of the fourteenth and twentieth instant; which were read, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House, to whom is committed the bill to establish post roads.

Mr. Willis Alston presented a petition of Joseph Green, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the provisions of the several acts for the relief of the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia may be extended to him for the reasons therein mentioned.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of a select committee on the memorial of the Stockholders of the Bank of the United

States, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said report be referred to Mr. Taylor, Mr. Mumford, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. J. Porter, Mr. Gray, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Cook, with instruction to report by bill.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, to wit: the question on the motion of Mr. Macon, that the House do adhere to their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes."

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Dana: When,

Mr. Speaker decided that a question to adhere is not divisible.

A motion was made by Mr. Cook, and seconded, that the further consideration of the said bill and amendments be postponed until to-morrow:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 65, Nays ..... 61.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William A. Burwell,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
James Cochran,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,

Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed two bills, entitled "An act authorizing the sale and grant of a certain quantity of public land to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company;" and "An act authorizing a subscription on the part of the United States to the stock of the Ohio Canal Company;" to which bills they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the petition of Anthony Buck; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the resolution therein contained; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and concurred in by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Helms have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Tuesday next, for the remainder of the session.

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn :

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 2. / Nays ..... 76.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Edward St. Loe Livermore, Nathaniel Macon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
James Breckenridge,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
William Crawford,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,

Jacob Hufty,
Robert Jenkins,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Samuel M'Kee,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, junior,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

The Speaker presented a petition of Francis Pepin, of Detroit, in the Territory of Michigan, praying compensation for military services rendered during the Revolutionary war.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from the consideration of the petition of John B. Sarazin and others; and that it be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made a report on the petition of Joseph P. Weeks, referred on the twenty-sixth instant; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Ordered, That the said report be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill for the relief of William W. Weymouth.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act to make public a road in Washington county, in the District of Columbia;" and

"An act making an appropriation for the purpose of trying the practical use of the Torpedo, or sub-marine explosion."

Mr. Willis Alston, from the joint committee appointed to inquire and report what business is necessary to be done during the present session, and when it may be expedient to close the same, made a report; which was read

Mr. Alston, from the same committee, at the same time also submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives, be, and they are hereby, authorized to adjourn their respective Houses on the twenty-third day of April next.

A motion was made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the consideration of the said resolution be postponed until Monday next:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 61, Nays ..... 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
William Crawford,
John Dawson,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Walter Jones,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Peter B. Porter,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas Gholson,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Thomas Newbold,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President had approved and signed "An act to make public a road in Washington county, in the District of Columbia."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties," with amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States in certain cases ;" to which they also desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill providing the means to ascertain the title to the batture in front of the suburb of St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans.

The question on the motion of Mr. Bibb, to amend the same, as stated in the proceedings of the twenty-second instant, was again stated.

A division of the said question was called for : When,

The same was taken upon striking out, as recited in the proceedings of the twenty-second instant aforesaid :

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ... . 95, / Nays ..... 22.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Williams Helms,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James Breckenridge,
William Ely,
Jonathan Fisk,
Charles Goldsborough,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
James Stephenson,
Jabez Upham,
Laban Wheaton.

The question was then taken upon inserting the said recited amendment of Mr. Bibb:

And determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 36, Nays ..... 84.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
William Anderson,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
John Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Meshack Franklin,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Taylor,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
Robert Brown,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,

Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jr.
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was made by Mr. Gholson, and seconded, to amend the said bill by inserting, in lieu of the part stricken out, the following:

"That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint three Commissioners, who, or any two of them, shall have power, and they are by this act required, to collect all the evidence, whether written or oral, touching the right and title, at law or in equity, of the United States, of the Corporation of New Orleans, or of any individual person or persons of, in, and to, the parcel of land, called the Batture, in front of the suburb St. Mary, in the Territory of Orleans: and for this purpose the said Commissioners, or any two of them, shall have and may exercise the same authority in causing depositions to be taken, and in sending for and examining persons and papers, as the Supreme Court of the United States, in any case depending before it, can at this time exercise; and when all the evidence deemed necessary by the said Commissioners, by the Attorney General of the United States, or by any person or persons interested, for the investigation and decision of the said title, shall have been collected and procured, it shall then be the duty of the said Commissioners, or any two of them, to collate and arrange the same in the most intelligible form, which, together with their opinion thereon respecting the title aforesaid, they shall report to Congress at the next session thereof.

"Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the said Commissioners, previous to entering on the duties required by this act, shall take the following oath or affirmation, before some one of the Judges of the United States, viz: I, A B, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully and impartially, to the best of my knowledge, execute and perform the duties required of me as a Commissioner under the act, entitled 'An act to examine into the title of the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary.'

"Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to allow to each of the said Commissioners a compensation not exceeding two thousand dollars, which, together with any other expenses that may be incurred under this act, shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, That the expense attending the procurement of any testimony in behalf of any individual person or persons, shall be paid by, and may be collected from such person or persons in the same manner and at the same rates as in a suit in the Supreme Court of the United States."

And the question being taken thereon,

There appeared, { Yeas ..... 63, / Nays ..... 63.

Mr. Speaker having declared himself with the yeas,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays, as demanded by one-fifth of the members present, are,

YEAS.

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,

John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

NAYS.

Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Ordered, That the said bill, as amended, be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House.

A motion was made by Mr. Macon, that it be the order of the day for the first Monday in November next:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made and seconded that it be the order of the day for Monday next:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

It was then ordered, that it be the order for this day.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the said bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

A motion was then made by Mr. Pitkin, and seconded, to amend the said bill by striking out the first, second, and third sections thereof, being that part of the same which was proposed by Mr. Gholson, for the purpose of inserting the first, second, fourth, and fifth sections of an amendment proposed by Mr. Sheffey to the said bill on the twenty-third instant; which said first, second, fourth, and fifth sections are as follow:

That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint three *persons learned* in the law, not resident in the Territory of Orleans, (and to fill up all vacancies that may occur by death, resignation, or otherwise,) as Commissioners, who, or any two of them, shall have full power to inquire into, and decide on the right and title of the United States to a parcel of land, known by the name of the Batture, in front of the suburb St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans, and that they, or any two of them, shall make and deliver to the President of the United States, and such persons as may have any claim to the said Batture, and exhibit the same before them, a sentence or award, signed with their names, and transmit a copy thereof to the Congress of the United States, on or before the first day of January next, which shall be binding and conclusive as to the right of the United States and the persons who shall so exhibit their claims as aforesaid, unless the same shall be disapproved by Congress, before the ——; and the President of the United States is hereby required, in case the said award shall be against the United States, and shall not be disapproved as aforesaid, to cause the persons who were removed from the said Batture, on the twenty-fifth January, eighteen hundred and eight, by order of the President of the United States, to be restored to the possession thereof.

"Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the first named of the said Commissioners, who shall accept the said appointment, shall have power to make rules for the taking and authenticating testimony, and for fixing the time and place, and regulating the mode of conducting the hearing and inquiry aforesaid; and that the said Commissioners, or any two of them, shall have full power to compel the attendance of witnesses, and the production of papers: *Provided*, That, no witness residing in the Territory of Orleans, shall be compelled to travel out of the said Territory, to give his or her testimony, but the deposition of such witness shall be taken according to the rules prescribed by the person first named as aforesaid.

"Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, until the final decision of the said claim, the President shall take care that no injury be done to said property, by digging or carrying away the soil, but that, in all other respects, the same may be used as it now is.

"Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall make to the Commissioners aforesaid, such allowance for their services, as he may think an adequate compensation for their services."

A division of the question so to amend the bill was called for by Mr. Gholson:

When,

A question of order was raised by Mr. Randolph, whether the said question was divisible.

Mr. Speaker decided that the question was divisible.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Pitkin, to strike out the three sections as proposed by Mr. Gholson;

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1810.

On motion of Mr. Macon, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a

statement of the gross annual amount of expenditure in relation to the Military and Naval Establishments, from the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, to the end of the year one thousand eight hundred and nine.

Mr. Bassett, from the Committee on the Naval Establishment, who was instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to sell such of the armed vessels and gun-boats as he may judge unfit or unnecessary for public service, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed a report made by the said committee, on the sixth of January last, on the same subject.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties;" and the same being read, were ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing a subscription on the part of the United States to the stock of the Ohio Canal Company," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the sale and grant of a certain quantity of public land to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States in certain cases," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Samuel Kehendall, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition; and that the Committee of Claims be also discharged from the consideration of the petition of Sampson Bell, and that the said petition, together with the papers accompanying the same, be referred to the Secretary of War; and that he report the facts and his opinion upon the same, to the present or next session of Congress.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Edward Holland, referred on the twenty-eighth of December last; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, presented a bill for the relief of Grove Pomeroy; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to lie on the table,

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also made a report on the petition of Amasa Soper, recommitted on the twenty-first instant; which was read.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, on the bill providing the means to ascertain the title to the batture in front of the suburb of St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans.

The question having recurred on the amendment of Mr. Pitkin, as stated in the journal of yesterday, the said amendment was withdrawn by the mover.

The question was then taken on concurring with the Committee of the Whole House in their first amendment to the said bill, and carried in the affirmative.

The question then recurred on concurring with the Committee of the Whole House in their second amendment to the said bill, amended in the House to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized, at any time within one year, to make and execute such compromise with the parties, or any of them, who were removed from the said batture on the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, by order of the President of the United States, and to procure a cession of their claims thereto, or to any part thereof, for the use of the public, or to any body politic or corporate, on such terms as may be agreed on with the said parties, and deemed advisable by the President, and to stipulate for a compensation, either in money or public lands, in the city of New Orleans, or its territories, as he may think proper."

And the same being taken,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 62, Nays ..... 65.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
David S. Garland,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,

Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time this day.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion of Mr. Macon, that the House do adhere to their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act respecting the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and for other purposes:"

And the said question being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 66, Nays ..... 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
James Emott,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.

Robert Jenkins,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
George M Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

And so the said bill was LOST.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the act, entitled "An act to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France and their dependencies, and for other purposes;" and, also, an act, entitled "An act to amend and continue in force certain parts of the act, entitled 'An act to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes,'" be immediately repealed.

The said resolution was read; and the question being taken, that the House do proceed to the consideration thereof,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas .... 69, / Nays .... 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
David S. Garland,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Le Roy Livingston,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,

John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jun:
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was then made by Mr. Montgomery, and seconded, to amend the said resolution, by adding thereto the following: "and that provision be made, by law, to maintain and defend the rights, honor, and independence, of the United States against the edicts of France and Great Britain:"

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1810.

Mr. Lewis presented two petitions of sundry inhabitants of Loudoun county, in the State of Virginia, praying for the establishment of a post road from Trap, in Maryland, to Waterford, in Virginia.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish post roads.

The report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Amasa Soper, made on Saturday last, was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The bill presented on Saturday last, for the relief of Grove Pomeroy, was ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Margaret Lapsley.

On motion of Mr. Quincy,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of a select committee made on the twenty-seventh ultimo, on the state of the ancient archives and public records of the United States, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that it be recommitted to the said select committee to report a bill.

Mr. Quincy, from the said committee, then presented a bill providing for the better accommodation of the General Post Office and Patent Office, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,
The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Love, from the committee appointed on the twenty-second ultimo, presented a bill to establish a National Bank; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,
The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Love also made a written report in relation to the principles of the said bill; which was read.

An engrossed bill providing the means to ascertain the title to the batture in front of the suburb of St. Mary, in the city of New Orleans, was read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas .... 89, / Nays .... 16.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, junior,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
Ezekiel Whitman,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
William Chamberlin,
James Cochran,
Meshack Franklin,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Montgomery,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Robert Weakley,
James Wilson.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to examine into the title to the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Tristram Hussey." They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the sale and grant of a certain quantity of public land to the proprietors of the Middlesex canal, in the State of Massachusetts;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The President of the United States approved and signed, on the thirtieth ultimo, "An act making an appropriation for the purpose of trying the practical use of the Torpedo, or sub-marine explosion." And then he withdrew.

A motion was made, and seconded, that the House resume the consideration of the resolution proposed by Mr. Randolph on Saturday last.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said resolution be postponed until to-morrow:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 57, Nays ..... 59.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Wiliam Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,

Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Charles Goldsborough,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

The House then resumed the consideration of the said resolution.

The question pending at the time of adjournment on the amendment proposed by Mr. Montgomery to the said resolution, was stated: When,

Mr. Randolph accepted the amendment of Mr. Montgomery as a part of his resolution, and called for a division of the question thereon.

A motion was then made by Mr. M'Kim, and seconded, farther to amend the said resolution, by inserting, after the word "repealed," the words, "and that provision be made by law to prohibit all importations from Great Britain and France, and their dependencies:" When,

Mr. Randolph modified his motion so as to embrace the said amendment of Mr. M'Kim.

A motion was made by Mr. Root, and seconded, to amend the said resolution, by striking out that part thereof which was proposed by Mr. M'Kim, and accepted by Mr. Randolph; and also to strike out the word "*immediately*," and the words "*and that*," after the word "repealed," for the purpose of inserting the word "when:"

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1810.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented a bill for the relief of Anthony Buck; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend the laws within the District of Columbia;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A motion was made by Mr. Pearson, and seconded, that the House resume the consideration of a resolution proposed by him on the twenty-first ultimo, for an inquiry into the conduct of Brigadier General James Wilkinson:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 84, / Nays ..... 16.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
William Chamberlin,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Samuel W. Dana,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjaman Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, junior,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Dawson,
William Findley,
James Holland,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Taylor,
Robert Whitehill.

A division of the question on the said resolution was called for by Mr. Love: When,
A motion was made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said resolution be postponed indefinitely:
And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 33, Nays ..... 79.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
James Cochran,
William Crawford,
John Dawson,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smilie,
John Taylor,
Robert Whitehill.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Roane,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, junior,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

The question was then taken that the House do agree to the first member of the said resolution, contained in the words following, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the conduct of Brigadier General James Wilkinson, in relation to his having, at any time, whilst in the service of the United States, corruptly received money from the Government of Spain, or its agents, or in relation to his having, during the time aforesaid, been an accomplice, or in

any way concerned with the agents of any foreign Power, or with Aaron Burr, in a project against the dominions of the King of Spain, or to dismember these United States."

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
And the Clerk having called over the same,

It was suggested by a member, in his place, from Maryland, to wit, Mr. M'Kim that he had committed a mistake in giving his vote on the question last taken, and that he had intended to vote in the negative and not in the affirmative side of the said question, as the same had been recorded by the Clerk.

The Speaker then directed the Clerk to call the name of the member, Mr. M'Kim again;

And being so called,

Mr. M'Kim answered in the negative.

An objection was made to the right of changing the vote, by a member from Virginia, Mr. Randolph, unless by the unanimous consent of the House.

Mr. Speaker determined, that, according to the practice of the House, the member from Maryland had a *right* to change his vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, that the member from Maryland have leave to correct his vote.

To which the member from Maryland, Mr. M'Kim, objected.

A question of order was raised, "whether the motion of the member from Georgia, Mr. Bibb, was then in order?"

Mr. Speaker decided that the motion of the member from Georgia was in order.

From which decision of the chair an appeal was prayed to the House by Mr. Randolph.

A motion was then made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn.

A question of order was raised, whether the motion to adjourn was in order pending a question.

The Speaker determined it not in order.

And debate arising thereon,

A motion was again made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn.

A question of order was again raised, whether the motion of the member from Pennsylvania, Mr. Smilie, was in order pending a question.

Mr. Speaker determined, that, on reflection, it was in order, and corrected the decison just before made.

From which decision an appeal was prayed by Mr. Randolph.

And debate arising: On which,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Gray have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from to-morrow, for the remainder of the session; and Mr. Van Horn, from Monday last, for one week.

A motion was made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to furnish this House with the names and titles of the stockholders of the Bank of the United States, if any document in his office will afford that information, and, if not, to endeavor to obtain hat information from the bank aforesaid, and lay it before this House as soon as possible.

"That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to furnish this House with the number of shares voted on at the last election of directors, and the names of those voting if to be obtained.

"That he be requested to state to this House by what information he was enabled, in his report of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine, made to the Senate of the United States, to fix the average of dividends of said Bank, at eight three eighths, precisely eight thirteen-thirty-fourths, per cent. per annum and, also, state the amount of public stock, or other public debt, held by the said Bank Company on each first day of January, since its operations commenced.

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to inform this House what is the amount of capital retained in Philadelphia by the Bank of the United

States, and what the amounts thereof distributed to the branches of that Bank, respectively; what have been the average amounts of deposites of public money in each of those banks in any preceding year, or for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight, if as practicable to obtain it as any other; and whether the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars, stated in his said report to be due from the State banks to the United States' Bank Company, was due on account of deposites of public moneys or not."

A motion was made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, to amend the first resolution thereof, by inserting the word "foreign" before the word "Stockholders."

The said resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday.

The question on the appeal of Mr. Randolph from the decision of the chair in relation to the motion of the member from Georgia, Mr. Bibb, as stated in the journal of yesterday, recurring;

Mr. Bibb withdrew his motion.

The question then recurred on the proposition of the member from Maryland, Mr. M'Kim, in having stated his wish to change his vote of yesterday, from the affirmative to the negative side of the question, having answered in the affirmative by mistake.

The Speaker directed the Clerk to call him again, when the gentleman answered "*no.*"

A gentleman from Virginia, Mr. Randolph, objected to the gentleman's changing his vote unless it be considered as informally done, and by the unanimous consent of the House.

The Speaker stated that it had been the practice, and that the gentleman had the right to change his vote as above.

From which decision Mr. Randolph appealed.

And the question being taken, "Is the decision of the Chair correct?"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 76, Nays ..... 19.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannet,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,

Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jr.
Jabez Upham,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
Martin Chittenden,
Thomas R. Gold,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Joseph Pearson,
John Randolph,
Dennis Smelt,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton.

The yeas and nays, as taken yesterday upon the first member of the resolution, then under consideration, were called for, and the same being read over by the Clerk:

There appeared, { Yeas ..... 87, / Nays ..... 24.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
William Butler,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
John Davenport, jr.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jr.
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
William Crawford,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
James Holland,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Sage,
John Smilie,
John Taylor,
Robert Whitehill.

The question then recurred, that the House do agree to the second and last member of the said resolution, contained in the words following, to wit:

"That the said committee inquire generally into the conduct of the said James Wilkinson, as Brigadier General of the army of the United States: That the said committee have power to send for persons and papers, and compel their attendance and production; and that they report the result of their inquiry to this House."

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, and the question being taken, that the farther consideration of the said second member of the said resolution be postponed until to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative.

The question again recurred on the said second member:

And being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 78, Nays ..... 31.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
William Butler,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Roane,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,

George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

The question was then taken that the House do agree to the whole of the said resolution:

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 80, Nays ..... 29.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
William Butler,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Peter B. Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,

Benjamin Tallmadge,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

It was then ordered that the committee to be appointed, pursuant to the resolution, do consist of five members.

A motion was made by Mr. Pitkin, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee to be appointed to inquire into the conduct of General James Wilkinson, be appointed by ballot, and that the fifth day of April instant, at twelve o'clock, this House will proceed to the appointment of the committee.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 52. / Nays ..... 64.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas R. Gold,
Edwin Gray,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

And a committee was appointed accordingly, pursuant to the said order, consisting of Mr. Butler, Mr. Root, Mr. Champion, Mr. Desha, and Mr. Pearson.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution proposed on the thirtieth ultimo by the joint committee appointed to inquire and report what business is necessary to be done during the present session, and when it may be expedient to close the same, and the said resolution being twice read at the Clerk's table, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be, and they are hereby, authorized to adjourn their respective Houses on the twenty-third day of April instant.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1810.

On motion of Mr. Fisk, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Fisk, Mr. Pitkin, and Mr. Macon, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from William Lambert, proposing, should the House think proper to authorize him, to collate and publish a correct statement of all the questions of order decided in the House of Representatives, since the commencement of the existing form of Government, to the end of the present session of Congress.

Ordered, That the said letter be referred to Mr. Bassett, Mr. Pitkin, and Mr. Macon, to consider and report thereon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury,

transmitting a statement of the annual amount of expenditure in relation to the Military and Naval Establishments, from the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, to the year one thousand eight hundred and nine; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the sale and grant of a certain quantity of public land to the proprietors of the Middlesex Canal, in the State of Massachusetts," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the sale and grant of a certain quantity of public land to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company."

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the laws within the District of Columbia," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Saturday next.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States, in certain cases," reported the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Morrow, from the same committee, presented a bill providing for the sale of certain lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Tristram Hussey," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, his Secretary:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to the House a report of the Secretary of State, complying with their resolution of the twenty-sixth of March.

JAMES MADISON.

April 4, 1810.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish post roads; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1810.

A motion was made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that the House do agree to the following order:

That the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned for the remainder of the session, shall be ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Ordered, That the motion do lie on the table.

Mr. N. R. Moore, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-third ultimo, the petition of Eugene de Leitzendorfer, Assistant to General Eaton in his late military expedition against Tripoli, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That Eugene de Leitzendorfer have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

Mr. Gardner presented sundry documents in relation to the claim of Stephen Ryder; which were read, and referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twenty-fourth of January last, a petition of Stephen Ryder.

Mr. M'Kim presented a petition of Philip and Nicholas Rogers, merchants, of the city of Baltimore, praying the remission of certain penalties innocently incurred by them, for a violation of the several acts laying and executing an embargo within the United States, in the case of the brig Sally, belonging to the port of Baltimore aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Jennings, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be required to lay before this House a statement of the amounts of the moneys which were due to the United States from individuals at the commencement of the years one thousand eight hundred and seven, and one thousand eight hundred and ten, on account of the purchase of public lands.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the Committees of the Whole House to whom were committed the bill for the relief of Margaret Lapsley; the bill for the relief of John Thompson; the bill for the relief of Moses Young; the bill for the relief of Grove Pomeroy; and the bill for the relief of John Minor; and the reports of the Committee of Claims on the petitions of Lucy Dixon and Arthur St. Clair; be severally discharged from the consideration of the said bills and reports; and that they be severally referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the report of the said Committee of Claims on the petition of John Murray.

Mr. Weakley presented two memorials from sundry inhabitants of the State of Tennessee, praying that such measures may be adopted by the General Government as will secure to them the free and unmolested navigation of the Mobile and Tombigbee rivers, of which they are now deprived by the interposition of the Indians, through whose country the said rivers run; and that provision may be made for extinguishing the Indian title to so much of the country adjacent to those rivers as is necessary for settlements for the protection of the boats passing up and down the same.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Secretary of State.

Mr. Fisk, from the committee appointed yesterday, presented a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," passed the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of John Calhoun, of the State of South Carolina, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of *seventeen* wounds received whilst a soldier in the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Taylor, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Swoope, to consider and report thereon to the House.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Ordered, That the petition of Charles Croxall, presented on the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. M'Kim presented a petition of John Wilmot, John Taggart, and Thomas Caldwell, merchants, of the city of Baltimore, praying to be refunded the amount of duties on a certain cargo of coffee, for the reasons therein stated.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Love, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of John Murray, to which Committee of the Whole House is committed the reports of the Committee of Claims on the several petitions of Lucy Dixon, Arthur St. Clair, and David Blackwell, and the several bills for the relief of Margaret Lapsley, John Thompson, John Minor, Moses Young, and Grove Pomeroy; and, after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said several reports and bills under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the resolution contained in the report on the petition of said Murray, as follows: "*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted;" their disagreement to the resolution contained in the report on the petition of said Dixon, as follows: "*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted;" their disagreement to the resolution contained in the report on the petition of said St. Clair, as follows: "*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted;" and their disagreement to the resolution contained in the report on the petition of said Blackwell, as follows: "*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted;" which said several disagreements were considered at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Desha, from the said Committee of the Whole House, also reported several amendments to the bill for the relief of Margaret Lapsley; which were read at the Clerk's table, concurred in by the House, and, together with the said bill, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Desha also reported the bill for the relief of John Thompson; the bill for the relief of John Minor; and the bill for the relief of Moses Young, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said several bills be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of William Baynham; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Wednesday next.

An engrossed bill to amend an act, entitled "An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," passed the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to alter and amend an act, entitled 'An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States,' passed the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the petition of George Armroyd and Company; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the resolution therein contained; which said resolution was read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of William W. Weymouth; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which was read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Chittenden have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from this day, for the remainder of the session.

The House proceeded to consider the motion of Mr. Smilie, of yesterday, for altering the hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, to ten o'clock in the forenoon:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made a report on the several petitions of Hugh Smith, Philip and Nicholas Rogers, jun. John P. White, and William A. Caldwell, William Gaston, James Jones, and James Hathaway; which was read, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill for the relief of Anthony Buck.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Eppes, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented a bill authorizing a loan of money for a sum not exceeding the amount of the principal of the public debt reimbursable during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Macon, from the committee appointed on that part of the message from the President of the United States at the commencement of the session, which respects our foreign relations, made a further report, in part, of a bill concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France and their dependencies, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Moses Young was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Moses Young."

An engrossed bill for the relief of John Thompson was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of John Thompson."

An engrossed bill for the relief of John Minor, administrator of Reuben Minor, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of John Minor, administrator of Reuben Minor."

An engrossed bill for the relief of William W. Weymouth was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of William W. Weymouth and Joseph P. Weeks."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bills to the Senate, and desire their concurrence therein.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States,' passed on the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish post roads; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, the report of a select committee on the memorial of the stockholders of the Bank of the United States, presented a bill continuing in force for a term of twenty years, the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," on the terms and conditions therein mentioned; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1810.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn: And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yea ..... 1, Nays ..... 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
In the affirmative,

Roger Nelson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
John Dawson,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Vincent Matthews,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Nicholson R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Peter B. Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Adam Seybert,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Weakley.

Mr. Nelson presented sundry documents in relation to the petition of Rinaldo Johnson; which were referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the several petitions of Nathaniel Irish, Andries Van Patten, John Knight, Nathaniel Goodwin, Benjamin Smith, Peter Mines, Jacob Bagley, and the directors of the New England Mississippi Land Company.

On motion of Mr. Macon,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the consideration of the message from the President of the United States, of the twelfth of January last, communicating information relative to the blockade of the ports of the Baltic by France, and the exclusion of neutral vessels by Russia, Sweden, and Denmark.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Smith,

Ordered, That the committee appointed, on the fifth of January last, on the petition of Thomas Wilson, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, presented a bill for the relief of Lewis Garanger; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Johnson also made a report, containing a detailed statement of facts in relation to the petition of Lewis and Charles Garanger; which was read.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, also presented a bill for the relief of Charles Bean; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

Mr. Johnson also made a detailed report on the petition of Charles Bean; which was read.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Philip Clum, referred on the twelfth of December last; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

Mr. Johnson, from the same committee, made a report on the petition of Edmund Brooke, referred on the twelfth ultimo; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisk, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the apportionment of Representatives amongst the several States, according to the third enumeration of the people, ought to be in the ratio of one Representative for every —— thousand persons in each State; and that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill accordingly.

A motion was made by Mr. Pickman, and seconded, and the question being taken, that the said resolution be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Hufty, and seconded, and the question being taken, that the consideration of the resolution be postponed for one week,

It was again determined in the negative.

The said resolution was then ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Montgomery presented a petition of Edward Kean, of the State of Maryland, praying to be allowed and paid the balance due for his services as a soldier in the Maryland line of the Revolutionary army.

Mr. Root presented a petition of Eli Brown, of the State of New York, praying for such grant of land as he may be entitled to, for services rendered as a captain in the Massachusetts line of the Revolutionary army.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Committee of the Whole House to the bill concerning invalid pensioners; and the same being read at the Clerk's table, were concurred in by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to establish post roads; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made amendments thereto.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1810.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented a bill to remove the office of collector of Tappahannock to Fredericksburg; that of Niagara to Lewistown; to annex part of the State of New Jersey to the collection district of New York; to establish a new district, to be called the district of St. Lawrence; to make Cape St. Vincent's, in the district of Sackett's Harbor, a port of delivery, and out of the district of Miami to make a new district, to be called the district of Sandusky; and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia," with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Nelson, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Tallmadge, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Ordered, That the petition of John Leanar, presented on the thirtieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of public Ministers, and of Consuls residing on the coast of Barbary, and for other purposes;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Morrow,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration of the bill providing for the printing and distributing of such laws of the United States as respect the public lands; and that the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of public Ministers, and of Consuls residing on the coast of Barbary, and for other purposes," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time on Thursday next.

Mr. Dawson presented a petition of Peter Charles L'Enfant, praying for a speedy and final decision upon his petitions heretofore presented to Congress.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Root, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill appointing the time for the next meeting of Congress.

Ordered, That Mr. Root, Mr. Goodwyn, and Mr. M'Bryde, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Fisk, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-second of January last, on the petition of Peter Pedesclaux, by Edward Livingston, his attorney, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

An engrossed bill concerning invalid pensioners was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act concerning invalid pensioners."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Committee of the Whole House to the bill to establish post roads; and the same being read at the Clerk's table, were severally concurred in by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Thursday next.

Another message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act regulating the Post Office Establishment," with amendments; to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Newbold and Mr. Sturges have leave to be absent from the service of this House from this day, Mr. Eppes from Saturday next, and Mr. P. B. Porter from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Tallmadge,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill for the relief of Abraham Whipple be discharged from the consideration thereof.

On motion of Mr. Potter,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill to allow the benefit of drawback on merchandise transported by land conveyance from Newport to Boston, and from Boston to Newport, in like manner as if the same were transported coastwise, be discharged from the consideration thereof.

The amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act regulating the Post Office Establishment," were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members of this House do wear crape on the left arm during the remainder of the session, as a testimony of respect for the memory of William Washington, late a Lieutenant Colonel in the Revolutionary army.

The said resolution was read, and, on the question, that the same do pass,

It was determined in the negative.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act regulating the Post Office Establishment;" and the same being again read at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made by Mr. Bacon, and seconded, that the following words, to wit: "*Sec. 25, lines 2 and 3, strike out the words, 'each postmaster, provided each of his letters or packets shall not exceed half an ounce in weight,*" appearing to have been an interpolation in the amendments sent from the Senate after the same were received by this House, be expunged therefrom.

A motion was made by Mr. Alston, and seconded, that the said amendment do lie on the table: When,

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary, as follows:

Mr. Speaker: It having been discovered that an inaccuracy had taken place in stating the amendments of the Senate to the bill "regulating the Post Office Establishment," I am instructed by that body to ask of this House the return of the said bill and amendments to the Senate.

The question was then taken on the motion of Mr. Alston,

And resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Pitkin,

The House again resumed the consideration of the said amendment: When,

The question recurred on the motion of Mr. Bacon, before stated,

And the same being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Pitkin, in the following words:

"On message from the Senate, by their Secretary, suggesting that, in stating the amendments sent to this House to the bill, entitled 'An act regulating the Post Office Establishment,' an inaccuracy had taken place, and requesting this House to return the said bill, together with the said amendments, to the Senate:

"*Ordered*, That the Clerk do return said bill and amendments to the Senate, agreeably to their request."

And the question being taken that the House do agree to the said motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Clerk then returned the aforesaid bill and amendments to the Senate.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Tristam Hussey;" and that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States,' passed on the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill providing for the printing and distributing of such laws of the United States as respect the public lands, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act providing for the printing and distributing of such laws of the United States as respect the public lands."

An engrossed bill for the relief of William Baynham was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of William Baynham."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bills to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Randolph, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a statement of the annual receipt into the Treasury, from the commencement of the present Federal Government to the end of the year one thousand eight hundred and nine, distinguishing the amount of such annual receipt as may have proceeded from the duties on imports and tonnage, from the internal revenues, from the direct tax, from the sale of public lands, and from loans; together with a statement of the amount of debt annually incurred and reimbursed within the same period.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for the better accommodation of the General Post Office and Patent Office, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter the times of holding the Circuit Court of the United States for the district of Maryland; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which was read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to return to this House the corrected

amendments to the bill, entitled "An act regulating the Post Office Establishment." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of John Kerr from his imprisonment," with amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Hubbard have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Saturday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Johnson, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of John Nelson, referred on the seventh of December last; which was read, and referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Desha presented to the House sundry resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Kentucky, expressive of their entire approbation of the conduct of the Executive of the United States in the correspondence between the Secretary of State and Mr. Jackson, late Minister to the United States from the Government of Great Britain; which said resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Eppes, and seconded, that the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill authorizing the President to employ the public armed vessels of the United States, in protecting, by convoy, merchant vessels owned wholly by citizens of the United States, in voyages to ports or places with which commercial intercourse is prohibited by the decrees or orders of the Governments of Great Britain and France, be discharged from the consideration of the said bill:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 50, Nays..... 61.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cox,
William Crawford.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
John Porter,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
James Cochran,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
William Kennedy,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

An engrossed bill providing for the better accommodation of the General Post Office and Patent Office, and for other purposes, was read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 62, Nays ..... 52.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Benjamin Howard,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,

John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act providing for the better accommodation of the General Post Office and Patent Office, and for other purposes."

An engrossed bill to alter the times of holding the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Maryland was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act to alter the times of holding the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Maryland."

An engrossed bill to establish post roads was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act to establish post roads."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bills to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments as the same had been corrected by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act regulating the Post Office Establishment."

The first of the said amendments being read, in the words following:

"Strike out the third section;" which said section is as follows:

"SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint any number of agents for the General Post Office, not exceeding five, and to empower such agents to receive and transmit, free of postage, all letters and packages on the business of the Post Office Establishment, and under his direction to make contracts for transporting the mails, to suspend negligent contractors, to transport the mails, to collect the balances due from delinquent postmasters, and to perform such other services for said office as said Postmaster General may direct, and to allow said agents such reward for their services as he may think reasonable, out of the funds of said establishment, not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum to any one agent."

A motion was made by Mr. Root and seconded, that the said amendments be committed to a Committee of the Whole House:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on concurring with the Senate in the said first amendment,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 73, Nays ..... 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Jacob Hufty,
John G. Jackson,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Newton,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, junior,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
Joseph Desha,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Thomas Gholson,
Thomas R. Gold,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Matthew Lyon,
Samuel M'Kee,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
John Nicholson,
Peter B. Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Uri Tracy,
Archibald Van Horn,
Richard Winn.

The residue of the amendments aforesaid being read at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth also concur in the second, third, fifth, seventh, and tenth, and doth concur in the ninth of the said amendments, with an amendment; and doth *disagree* to the fourth, sixth, and eighth of the amendments aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to alter and amend an act, entitled 'An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," passed the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten."

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President had approved and signed two acts, to wit:

"An act for the relief of Tristram Hussey;" and

"An act to alter and amend an act, entitled 'An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States,' passed the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ten."

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Emott and Mr. Livermore have leave to be absent from the service of this House, after Tuesday next, and Mr. Sammons, after Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Quincy, and seconded,

Resolved, That the House of Representatives are deeply sensible of the loss this nation has sustained in the death of General William Washington, late Lieutenant Colonel in the Army of the Revolution, and that their rejection of the resolution offered on the eleventh instant, in relation to that distinguished officer, having been produced wholly by considerations of a general nature, cannot be deemed to derogate from that high sense which this House, in common with their fellow-citizens, entertain of his civil and military virtues and services.

Mr. Root, from the committee appointed on the tenth instant, presented a bill appointing the time for the next meeting of Congress; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisk, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a grave-stone, not exceeding in expense the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars, be erected at the grave of the Honorable Ezra Darby, formerly a member of this House; that the expenses for the same be paid out of the contingent funds of this House; and that a committee be appointed to carry into effect the object of this resolution.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the bill for the relief of Margaret Lapsley, as the same had been amended on the sixth instant, to embrace the cases of Grove Pomeroy, Arthur St. Clair, David Blackwell, Lucy Dixon, and John Murray; and the same being read at the Clerk's table, was ordered to be engrossed, as amended, and read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing for the sale of certain lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made amendments thereto; which were read, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate insist on their fourth amendment, recede from their sixth and eighth amendments, and agree to the amendment to their ninth amendment to the bill, entitled "An act regulating the Post Office Establishment." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Baynham." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the

Whole House on the bill continuing in force, for a term of twenty years, the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States," on the terms and conditions therein mentioned; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

And on the question, Shall the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill?

It was determined in the negative.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Margaret Lapsley, Grove Pomeroy, Arthur St. Clair, David Blackwell, Lucy Dixon, and John Murray, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Margaret Lapsley, Grove Pomeroy, Arthur St. Clair, David Blackwell, Lucy Dixon, and John Murray."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1810.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 5, Nays ..... 69.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Herman Knickerbacker,
Nathaniel Macon,
Roger Nelson,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
Orchard Cook,
William Crawford,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Brazillai Gannett,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Vincent Matthews,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
James Stevenson,
Jacob Swoope,

Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Ezekiel Whitman.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented a bill for the relief of George Armroyd and Company; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Kennedy presented a petition of Samuel Freeman, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of a wound received whilst a soldier in the North Carolina line of the Revolutionary army, and that the balance of pay due for his services aforesaid may be paid to him.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the amount of moneys due from individuals on the first days of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and one thousand eight hundred and ten, on account of the purchase of public lands; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hufty presented a document in support of the prayer of the petition of Jacob Myers; which was referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee appointed on the tenth instant, presented a bill supplementary to an act entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the organization of the militia of the District of Columbia;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

An engrossed bill providing for the sale of certain lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act providing for the sale of certain lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of John Kerr from his imprisonment;" and the same being read at the Clerk's table, were concurred in by the House.

The House proceeded to consider the fourth amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act regulating the Post Office Establishment."

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the House do insist on their vote of disagreement to the said fourth amendment:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 53, Nays ..... 45.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,

Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Clopton,
William Crawford,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
William Ely,
James Emott,
John W. Eppes,
Gideon Gardner,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jonathan H. Hubbard,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
William Kennedy,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Alexander M'Kim,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Benjamin Pickman, junr.
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Roane,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Ezekiel Whitman.

Resolved, That this House doth desire a conference with the Senate on the subject-matter of the said amendment; and that they appoint Mr. Rhea, Mr. Gold, and Mr. Southard, to be the managers at the said conference, on their part.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of public Ministers, and of Consuls residing on the Coast of Barbary."

Ordered, That the third reading of the said bill be postponed until Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act concerning the Society of Latrappe;" and a bill, entitled "An act to erect a light-house at the entrance of Scituate harbor, a stone column on a spit of land at the entrance into Boston harbor, and a beacon on Beach Point, near Plymouth harbor, in the State of Massachusetts; a light-house at the entrance of Bayou St. John, into Lake Pontchartrain; and two lights on Lake Erie;" to which bills they desire the concurrence of this House. They have also passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Baynham." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill laying additional duties on all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, from Great Britain or France; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1810.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented a bill for the relief of Richard Tervin, Edwin Lewis, Samuel Mims, the Baptist Church at Salem Meeting, in the Mississippi Territory, and Joseph Wilson; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act concerning the Society of Latrappe," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to erect a light-house at the entrance of Scituate harbor, a stone column on a spit of land at the entrance into Boston harbor, and a beacon on Beach Point, near Plymouth harbor, in the State of Massachusetts; a light at the entrance of Bayou St. John, into Lake Pontchartrain; and two lights on Lake Erie," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill of this House, to erect a light-house at the entrance of Scituate harbor, a stone column on a spitof land at the entrance into Boston harbor, and a beacon on Beach Point, near Plymouth harbor, in the State of Massachusetts; and a light at the entrance of Bayou St. John, into Lake Pontchartrain.

Mr. Fisk, from the committee appointed on the petition of Henry Malcolm, made a report thereon; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought *not* to be granted.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Taylor, from the committee appointed on the petition of John Calhoun, presented a bill for the relief of John Calhoun; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Taylor also made a detailed report relating to the case of the said John Calhoun; which was received, and read.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate a company for making certain turnpike roads in the District of Columbia," be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said bill be read the third time to-day.

The said bill was then read the third time: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Smilie, and the question being put, that the said bill be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House,

It was determined in the negative.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the making of certain turnpike roads in the District of Columbia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of public Ministers, and of Consuls residing on the Coast of Barbary, and for other purposes:" When it was,

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the bill to allow the benefit of drawback on merchandise transported by land conveyance, from Newport to Boston, and from Boston to Newport, in like manner as if the same were transported coastwise; and the same being again read, was ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the establishment of a Quartermaster's Department;" they have passed the bill, entitled "An act to examine into the title to the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary," with amendments; also, the bill entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for the establishment of a Turnpike Company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia," with amendments; to which bill and amendments they desire the concurrence of this

House. The Senate agree to the conference proposed by this House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the fourth amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act regulating the Post Office Establishment;" and have appointed managers at the said conference. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, entitled as follow:

"An act for the relief of William Baynham;" and

"An act authorizing the discharge of John Kerr from his imprisonment;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any foreign port or place; to which Committee of the Whole House is also committed a resolution to reduce the Military and Naval Establishments; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill and resolution under consideration, and made a farther progress in the bill, and directed him to report the resolution, amended to read as follows:

Resolved, That the Military Establishment of the United States ought to be reduced; and that the Naval Establishment of the United States ought to be reduced.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of the Whole House on the said resolution:

A division of the question on agreeing to the said resolution was called for,

And the same being stated that the House do agree to the first member thereof: When,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Van Dyke have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Saturday last; Mr. Fisk from to-morrow; and Mr. Whitman from Thursday next, for the remainder of the session.

A motion was made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution of the fourth of April, fixing the time for the adjournment of Congress to the twenty-third instant, be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

A motion was made by Mr. Gholson, and seconded, to amend the same by adding to the end thereof the following: "And that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be, and they are hereby, authorized to adjourn their respective Houses on the first day of May next."

Ordered, That the said resolution and amendment do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Burwell,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of public Ministers, and of Consuls residing on the Coast of Barbary, and for other purposes," be discharged from the consideration of the said bill.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial of the Directors of the New England Mississippi Land Company is unreasonable, unjust, and ought not to be granted:

And on the question that the House do now consider the same,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 46, Nays ..... 54.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William W. Bibb,	Matthew Clay,
John Brown,	John Clopton,
Robert Brown,	Howell Cobb,
William Butler,	William Crawford,
Joseph Calhoun,	John Dawson,

Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
John Porter,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Roane,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
James Cox,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas R. Gold,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Vincent Matthews,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Jabez Upham,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the memorialists have leave to withdraw their memorial.

A motion was made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the consideration of the said motion be postponed indefinitely.

A motion was made by Mr. Gholson, and seconded, that the said motion do lie on the table ;

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the annual receipts into the Treasury, from one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine to one thousand eight hundred and nine, inclusive, with a statement of the amount of debt annually incurred and reimbursed in the same period ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill for imposing additional duties on all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any foreign port or place.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the establishment of a Quartermaster's Department," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for the establishment of a turnpike company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia;" and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, were concurred in by the House.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to examine into the title to the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary;" and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally taken thereon, disagreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill to allow the benefit of drawback on merchandise transported by land conveyance from Newport to Boston, and from Boston to Newport, in like manner as if the same were transported coastwise, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act to allow the benefit of drawback on merchandise transported by land conveyance from Newport to Boston, and from Boston to Newport, in like manner as if the same were transported coastwise."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, to wit: The question on the passage of the first member of the resolution to reduce the Military and Naval Establishments, which said first member is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Military Establishment of the United States ought to be reduced."

A motion was made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, to amend the said first member of the resolution, by inserting, after the word "reduced," the following words: "providing by law for disbanding the regiments of dragoons and of riflemen, and by so repealing the laws as to disband the Brigadier Generals and all supernumerary staff and company officers, except such as are sufficient for the complement of regiments of infantry and of artillerists:"

And the question being taken on the said amendment,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the said resolution be referred to the committees appointed on such parts of the message of the President of the United States, at the commencement of the session, as relates to the Military and Naval Estsblishments:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the first member of the resolution, and being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 81, Nays..... 31.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde;

Samuel M'Kee,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Adam Boyd,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Gideon Gardner,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Walter Jones,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

The question was then stated on concurring in the second member of the resolution, which is as follows :

"And that the Naval Establishment of the United States ought to be reduced."

A motion was made by Mr. Hale, and seconded, to amend the said second member, by inserting, after the word "reduced," the following : "by selling such gun-boats or crafts attached to it as may, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Navy, be unnecessary or incompetent to the service :"

And the question being taken on the said amendment,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on concurring in the said second member,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 65, Nays ..... 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
John Davenport, jr.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Meshack Franklin,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,

James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Samuel W. Dana,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Benjamin Howard,
Robert Jenkins,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
John Love,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
John Nicholson,
John.Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Henry Southard,
James Stephenson,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Whitehill,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

And then the question was taken that the House do agree to the whole of the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 60, / Nays ..... 31.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William Butler,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
James Cochran,
John Davenport, jr.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,

Richard Jackson, jr.
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Gideon Gardner,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
John Love,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
George Smith,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the first member of the said resolution; and that Mr. Smilie, Mr. Root, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Stanford, and Mr. Shaw, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the second member of the said resolution; and that Mr. Randolph, Mr. Cutts, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Thomas Moore, and Mr. Cobb, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to incorporate a company for making certain turnpike roads in the District of Columbia," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1810.

A motion was made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be authorized, and he is hereby authorized, to appoint three persons, who, or any two of whom, shall prepare such a code of laws for the government of the District of Columbia, in addition and amendment to the laws at present in force in the said District, as they shall find necessary and proper, and report the same to the next session of Congress for their consideration; and that the said commissioners shall be allowed the sum of six dollars per day while they shall be engaged in the said business, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury.

And on the question that the House do now consider the same,
It was determed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Peter Charles L'Enfant; and that the said petitions be referred to Mr. Dawson, Mr. Pickman, and Mr. Holland, to consider and report thereon to the House.

On motion of Mr. Morrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the petition of the widow and heirs of Jeremiah Duggan, by Peter Mills, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Vice President being absent, the Senate have chosen Mr. Gaillard, a Senator from the State of South Carolina, President of the Senate, pro-tempore.

Mr. Garland, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-sixth of February last, on the petition of sundry French inhabitants of the Michigan Territory, made a report thereon ; which was read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows :

Resolved That it is *inexpedient* to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

The House proceeded to consider the bill for the relief of Richard Tervin, Edwin Lewis, Samuel Mims, the Baptist Church at Salem Meeting House, in the Mississippi Territory, and Joseph Wilson ; and the same being amended at the Clerk's table, was,

On motion of Mr. Root,

Ordered, To lie on the table.

Another message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate *adhere* to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to examine into the title to the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table : When,

A motion was made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the said bill and amendments, for the purpose of being printed for the information of the members, lie on the table :

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 53, Nays ..... 59.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
David S. Garland,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Tennessee*,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,

Richard Stanford,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

The first and second amendments of the Committee of the Whole House were then concurred in by the House.

The third amendment being then read, in the words following, to wit:

"*And be it further enacted*, That the two first sections of an act, entitled "An act to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes," be, and the same are hereby, revived, and shall, from the passage of this act, have full force and effect.

"*And be it further enacted*, That, from and after the passage of this act, an addition of fifty per centum shall be made to the duties now imposed by law on the importation of goods, wares, and merchandise, in respect to all goods, wares, and merchandise, the growth, produce, or manufacture, of any of the dominions, colonies, or depenencies, of either Great Britain or France, or imported from any of the said dominions, colonies, or dependencies; which additional duty shall be levied and collected in the same manner, under the same regulation and allowance as to drawbacks, mode of security, and time of payment, respectively, as are already prescribed by law, in relation to the duties now in force on the importation of goods, wares, and merchandise."

A division of the question on the said amendment was called for by Mr. Lyon, the division to take place after the word "effect:"

And the same being taken on the first member thereof,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Van Horn, and the question being put, to amend the second member of the said third amendment, by striking out the words "*and allowance as to drawbacks*,"

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on concurring in the second member of the said amendment,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 59, / Nays ..... 22.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
David S. Garland,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Robert Marion,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Daniel Sheffey,
Richard Stanford,
Archibald Van Horn,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

The fourth and last of the said amendments was then concurred in by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Mumford, and seconded, further to amend the said bill, by adding thereto a section, in the following words:

"*And be it further enacted*, That the merchant vessels of the United States, owned wholly by a citizen or citizens thereof, laden wholly with articles of the growth or manufacture of the United States, owned wholly by a citizen or citizens thereof, navigated wholly by citizens of the United States, not having on board articles contraband of war, and bound to any port or place not actually invested, with which intercourse shall be prohibited by the decrees or orders of the governments of any foreign Power whatever, shall be entitled to protection by convoy:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 18, / Nays ..... 73.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
Burwell Bassett,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Benjamin Howard,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Erastus Root,
John Thompson,
Ezekiel Whitman.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
William Butler,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, further to amend the bill, by adding to the second section a proviso, in the following words:

"*Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to allow the recovery of any penalty or forfeiture by reason of the proclamation of the President of the United States, bearing date the ninth of August, one thousand eight hundred and nine, or the corresponding instructions issued under the direction of the President, by the Secretary of the Treasury, of the same date, as communicated to Congress with the message of the President at the commencement of the present session:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 27, Nays ..... 62.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
Ephraproditus Champion,
Samuel W. Dana,

John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Joseph Pearson,
Josiah Quincy,
Richard Stanford,
James Stephenson,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn.

A motion was then made by Mr. Lyon, and seconded, that the bill and amendments do lie on the table:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 41, / Nays ..... 60.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
James Cochran,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
James Emott,
David S. Garland,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,

Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

The question was then taken that the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time,

And carried in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 60, / Nays ..... 18.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,

John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William W. Bibb,
James Breckenridge,
David S. Garland,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
William Kennedy,
Robert Marion,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Jacob Swoope,
Laban Wheaton,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Ordered, That Edward Livingston have leave to withdraw his papers, which have been presented to this House, in support of his claim to the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary, in New Orleans.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1810.

The Speaker laid before the House a report, in part, from the Secretary of the Treasury, on the subject of domestic manufactures; which was read, and referred to Mr. Bacon, Mr. Macon, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Fisk, and Mr. Clopton, to consider and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the said report and documents be printed for the use of the members.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States sundry enrolled bills, entitled as follow:

"An act authorizing the discharge of John Kerr from his imprisonment;"

"An act for the relief of William Baynham;" and

"An act to incorporate a company for making certain turnpike roads in the District of Columbia."

On motion of Mr. N. R. Moore,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Caton and M'Fadon, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Mr. Rhea, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend a conference with the managers on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing vote of the two House on an amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act regulating the Post Office Establishment," reported that they have had a conference on the subject committed to them, and have not been able to come to any agreement.

A motion was then made by Mr. Rhea, and seconded, that the House do adhere to their disagreement to the fourth amendment of the Senate to the bill before mentioned.

Ordered, That the said motion do lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be directed to lay before this House a statement of the respective numbers of post offices, and the sums received for postages with the compensation of the deputy postmasters in the several States and Territories;

and also the charge for conveyance of the mail, and the nett revenue of the Post Office Establishment in every year, from the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, to the end of the year one thousand eight hundred and nine; together with information respecting the extent of the post roads.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Weakley presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the State of Tennessee, to the same effect with other memorials from other inhabitants of that State, presented on the sixth instant; which was referred to the Secretary of State.

A motion was made by Mr. Love, and seconded, and the question being put, that the House do now proceed to the consideration of a resolution proposed by him, on the eighteenth instant,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for the establishment of a turnpike company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Smilie,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the seventeenth instant; and having modified the same read as follows:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the resolution of the fourth of April, fixing the time for the adjournment of Congress to the twenty-third instant, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded; and that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to adjourn their respective Houses on the first day of May next.

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, and the question being put, that the said resolution do lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Davenport, and the question being put, to amend the resolution by striking out the words, "first day of May next," and inserting "thirtieth instant,"

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Stanford, and the question being put, to strike out "first day of May next," and insert "twenty-first instant,"

It was determined in the negative.

The said resolution was then amended by striking out the words "and required."

And then the question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 59, Nays ..... 47.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Benjamin Howard,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*.

John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Jacob Swoope,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, junior,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James Breckenridge,
Robert Brown,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Clopton,
James Cox,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Vincent Matthews,
Roger Nelson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
James Stephenson,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Uri Tracy,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
Ezekiel Whitman,
James Wilson.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt." They have also passed the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners," with amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. They have rejected the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thompson." And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes, being read the third time,

A motion was made by Mr. Cochran, and the question being put, that the fourth section of the same be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Dana objected that the fourth section of the same ought not, at this time, to be discussed or voted upon in the House, for that it was a motion or proposition for a tax or charge upon the People, which was not made and offered until yesterday, and has not since that day been discussed in a Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Speaker decided that the bill having been reported by a Committee of the Whole House, and passed to a third reading, and having been read a third time, and the only question being, "Shall the bill pass?" he conceived that at this stage of the bill the objection cannot lie.

From which decision of the Chair Mr. Dana appealed to the House:

And on the question, "Is the decision of the Chair correct?"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas .... 67, / Nays ... . 37.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,

Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
James Wilson.

The question recurred on the passage of the bill,
And being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 61, / Nays ..... 40.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,

Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William W. Bibb,
James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
David S. Garland,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
William Kennedy,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
James Wilson.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Seaver, Mr. Root, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Matthews, have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of John Mullowny, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Ordered, That Nicholas I. Roesevelt and others, have leave to withdraw their petition and papers respecting Schuyler's copper mine, in the State of New Jersey, presented to this House on the fifteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred.

The House proceeded to consider the bill, continuing in force, for a term of twenty years, the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Subscribers to the Bank of the United States," on the terms and conditions therein mentioned: When,

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

Ordered, That the said bill do lie on the table.

Mr. Randolph, from the committee appointed on the seventeenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill to reduce the Naval Establishment of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Brigadier General James Wilkinson, expressive of his earnest desire that Congress may constitute some impartial tribunal which may be governed by the principles of the Constitution and the laws of evidence, to investigate his conduct, both civil and military; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign "An act for the relief of William Baynham;" and "An act authorizing the discharge of John Kerr from his imprisonment."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign "An act to incorporate a company for making certain turnpike roads in the District of Columbia." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to allow the benefit of drawback on merchandise transported by land conveyance from Newport to Boston, and from Boston to Newport, in like manner as if the same were transported coastwise;" also, "An act for the relief of Moses Young." They have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to establish post roads," with amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the bill, continuing in force, for a term of twenty years, the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Subscribers to the Bank of the United States," on the terms and conditions therein mentioned.

A motion was made by Mr. Swoope, and seconded, to amend the said bill by striking out in the ninth line, and first section, from the word "next," to the word "share," in the sixty-second line, for the purpose of inserting the following:

Provided, That, on the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, the President and Directors of the said Bank of the United States shall be, and they are hereby, authorized to add to the capital stock of said Bank twelve thousand five hundred shares, and for which the United States shall become the subscriber and owner: *Provided, also*, That the President and Directors of the said Bank shall receive in payment therefor, the sum of five millions of dollars in stock of the United States, bearing an interest of *three* per centum per annum, payable quarter-yearly, and redeemable at the pleasure of the Government; which stock, as aforesaid, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue and pay over to the said President and Directors, on receiving from them a transfer in behalf of the United States of the twelve thousand five hundred shares as aforesaid: *Provided, also*, That the United States shall be authorized, at any time, after the fourth of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, to increase the capital stock of said Bank in such manner as may hereafter be prescribed by law, and for which the United States shall become the subscriber and owner to an amount not exceeding twelve thousand five hundred shares: *Provided, nevertheless*, That such addition to the capital shall not be made at the time aforesaid, unless the average dividends for the three years preceding that period shall have amounted to eight per centum on the capital stock of said Bank; and, after the said fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, the Secretary of the Treasury shall be a Director of said Bank ex officio.

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Knickerbacker and Mr. Haven have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The House proceeded to consider the vote of *adherence* of the Senate to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to examine into the title to the batture in front of the suburb St. Mary:" When it was,

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill and amendments be postponed *indefinitely.*

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, entitled as follow:

"An act for the relief of Moses Young;"

"An act to allow the benefit of drawback on merchandise transported by land conveyance from Newport to Boston, and from Boston to Newport, in like manner as if the same were transported coastwise;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, to wit: The question on an amendment proposed by Mr. Swoope to the bill continuing in force, for a term of twenty years, the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Subscribers of the Bank of the United States," on the terms and conditions therein mentioned.

A division of the question on the said amendment was called for: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the said bill be postponed indefinitely:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 46, Nays ..... 67.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Joseph Desha,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania,*
John Rhea, *of Tennessee,*
John Roane,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,

John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
James Cochran,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jr.
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
James Wilson.

The question was then taken on the first member of the motion of Mr. Swoope, to wit: to strike out in the ninth line, first section, from the word "next" to the word "share" in the sixty-second line,

And determined in the negative.

The second member of the said motion failed of course.

A motion was then made by Mr. Love, and seconded, to amend the said bill by striking out the following words, contained in the first section thereof.

"That the act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the Subscribers to the Bank of the United States,' passed the twenty-fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety-one, subject to the provisions and conditions in this act to be made, be, and the same is hereby, continued in force, for and during the further term of twenty years, from and after the fourth day of March next: *Provided*, That the President and Directors of the said Bank of the United States shall, on or before the thirty-first day of December next, pay into the Treasury of the United States one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars as the price and equivalent for the renewal and continuance of their charter as aforesaid; and the better to enable the said President and Directors of the said Bank to pay the said sum of money, the said President and Directors of the Bank of the United States shall be, and they are hereby, authorized to add to the capital stock of said Bank two thousand five hundred shares, and to sell and dispose of the same at such time and in such manner, and at such price as they may think proper, and for the most advantage for the interest of their said company: *Provided, also*, That the said President and Directors of the said Bank shall, at all times, from and after the passage of this act, and during the continuance of the same, be bound and obliged to make a loan or loans to the United States, if required and authorized by law, of any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole at any one time five millions of dollars, and at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per year: *Provided*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to make his application, in writing, to the President and Directors of said Bank, for such loan or loans, at least three calendar months previous to the time when such loan or loans shall be required; and that the said President and Directors of the said Bank shall not be required to make a loan of more than two millions five hundred thousand dollars during the present year, nor more than the last mentioned sum during

any other year: *Provided, also,* that the President and Directors of the said Bank shall, from and after the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and eleven, pay to the United States an interest at the rate of three per centum per year on all sums of money above the sum of three millions of dollars, which shall accumulate to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, in the said Bank or in any of the branches of said Bank, and which shall remain there for one whole year: *Provided,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, from time to time, to give notice in writing to the President and Directors of the said Bank, at least sixty days before the term or time at which said interest, to be paid as aforesaid, shall be considered to commence and begin to accrue: which notice in writing shall specify the precise amount of the deposite so to remain for one whole year as aforesaid: *Provided, also,* That the United States shall be authorized, at any time during the continuance of this act, to increase the capital stock of said Bank in such manner as may hereafter be prescribed by law, and for which the United States shall become the subscriber and owner, to an amount not exceeding in the whole ——— shares, and not exceeding in any one year ——— shares: *Provided,* That the shares thus to be added and subscribed for on behalf of the United States, shall not be sold by the United States at a price less than ——— for each share: *And provided, also,* That nothing in this act contained, nor in the act intended to be continued in force by this act, shall be construed to restrict or prevent the United States from incorporating any bank or banks in the District of Columbia: *Provided,* That any bank to be incorporated by the United States, in the District of Columbia, shall be restricted from extending any branch thereof beyond and without the limits of the said territory."

For the purpose of inserting the following:

"In case no law shall be enacted by Congres before the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, authorizing the further continuation of the charter of the company of the United States' Bank, the said company shall notwithstanding be authorized, and they hereby are authorized, to continue, for the space of two years from that date, their loans which shall on that day be in existence, by renewing the same or otherwise, in the manner now practised in the said Bank, and the branches thereof, to sue and be sued, and do all other matters and things which the said company is now able to do: *Provided,* That the said company shall not issue or alter any bank note signed by the President of the said Bank, or in any other manner create or alter after the said fourth day of March, any note or other currency under the authority of the said Company or Directors or any of them; and that, after that date, the notes which may be in circulation shall not be receivable in payments due to the United States, unless made so by a law hereafter enacted."

A division of the question on the said amendment was called for:

And on the question so to strike out,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 34, Nays ..... 73.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
William Crawford,
Joseph Desha,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
John Love,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee,*
John Roane,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Whitehill,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,

James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jr.
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
James Wilson.

The second member of the said motion failed of course.

The said bill being then, on motion of Mr. Taylor, amended at the Clerk's table.

A motion was made by Mr. Troup, and seconded, to amend the bill by striking out the first proviso in the first section of the bill:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 35, Nays ..... 75.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
William Crawford,
Joseph Desha,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
John Love,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
George M. Troup,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Jonathan Fisk,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Matthias Richards,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
James Stephenson,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jr.
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
James Wilson.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, to insert the word "five," between the words "twenty" and "years" in the eighth line of the first section of the bill:

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY APRIL 23, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Gold have leave to be absent from the service of this House, after Wednesday, and Mr. Pickman, from Saturday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Smilie presented to the House certain proceedings of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, disapproving of a resolution of the Legislature of Massachusetts, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, limiting the duration of any act laying an embargo within the United States; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have concurred in the joint resolution to protract the present session of Congress until the first of May next. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Upham, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a statement of any sum or sums of money for outfit or compensation to William Short, as Minister or agent from the United States to the Court of St. Petersburg, whether received directly from the Treasury, or from any of the bankers of the United States in Europe, and from what fund any such sums have been drawn; together with a state-

ment of the authority or authorities under which the same may have been received, so far as the evidence exists in the Treasury Department.

A motion was then made by Mr. Upham, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution;

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House a statement of the several consular or commercial agents, having authority under the United States in foreign countries; together with the salaries or compensation, if any, allowed to them respectively.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, and the question being put, to amend the said resolution, by adding thereto the following: "and whether any of them have been engaged in procuring and disposing of British licenses to trade,"

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken to agree to the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Upham and Mr. Davenport be appointed a committee to present the said resolution to the President.

Mr. Bassett, from the committee appointed, on the fifth instant, on a letter from William Lambert, made a report thereon; which was received.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, and the question being put, that the House do now resume the consideration of his motion, of the seventeenth instant, that the Directors of the New England Mississippi Land Company, have leave to withdraw their memorial,

It was determined in the negative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing a loan of money, for a sum not exceeding the amount of the principal of the public debt, reimbursable during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same, without amendment.

A motion was then made by Mr. Dana, and the question being put, that the said bill and report do lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, to add a proviso to the end of the first section of the bill, in the following words: "*Provided, also*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize any sum to be borrowed greater than four millions of dollars:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 34, Nays ..... 61.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas R Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,

John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was made by Mr. Swoope, and seconded, to amend the bill, by striking out from the first section, the words "*public debt*," for the purpose of inserting "exchanged six per cent. stock:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 33, / Nays ..... 63.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James Breckenridge,
William A. Burwell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
Richard Cutts,

John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jr.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The consideration of the bill continuing in force, for a term of twenty years, the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Subscribers to the Kank of the United States," on the terms and conditions therein mentioned, was called for by Mr. Taylor :

When it was,

On motion of Mr. Rhea,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to establish post roads ;" and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, were concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, and seconded,

Ordered, That the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners," together with the said bill, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House then resolved itself into the said Committee of the Whole House ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill and amendments under consideration, and directed him to report their concurrence in the said amendments.

The question was then taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their concurrence in the said amendments,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Stephenson have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from to-day, and Mr. Swoope, from Saturday next, for the remainder of the session.

A motion was made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 8, Nays.....55.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Nathaniel A. Haven,
Elisha R. Potter,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Seaver,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Samuel Smith,
John Stanley,
Robert Whitehill
Richard Winn.

Herman Knickerbacker,
Aaron Lyle,
Vincent Matthews,
Samuel McKee,
Alexander McKim,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jun.
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
James Wilson.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a list of claims confirmed by the Board of Land Commissioners, in the district of Kaskaskia; which were referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Root be excused from serving on the committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of General Wilkinson, and that Mr. Montgomery be appointed of the said committee in his place.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, and seconded, that the letter from General Wilkinson, laid before the House on the nineteenth instant, be referred to the Secretary of War.

Ordered, That the said motion do lie on the table.

Mr. Smilie, from the committee appointed on the seventeenth instant, presented a bill to reduce and consolidate the army of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for continuing the charter of the Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. They have rejected the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Elizabeth Hamilton;" and they have passed the bill, entitled "An act providing for the printing and distributing of such laws of the United States as respect the public lands." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to reduce the Naval Establishment of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair and Mr Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto.

The House proceeded to consider the said report of the Committee of the Whole House: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Milnor, and seconded, that the said bill and amendments be postponed indefinitely:

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1810.

On motion of Mr. Bacon, and seconded,

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject of American Manufactures, be instructed to inquire whether any, and what, further amendments are necessary in the act, entitled "An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States."

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States, in certain cases," be discharged from the consideration thereof.

Mr. Upham, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States a resolution of the twenty-third instant, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President manifested a disposition to comply with the requisition contained in the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be directed to lay before this House a statement of the number of post offices; the sum received for postages; the compensation of the deputy postmasters; the charge for conveyance of the mail; the incidental expense, and the nett revenue of the Post Office Establishment for every year, from the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, to the close of the year one thousand eight hundred and nine; together with information respecting the extent of the post roads.

Mr. Mumford presented two petitions from James Macomb, one praying to be allowed the amount of depreciation on his pay as an Assistant Commissary of Prisoners during the Revolutionary war; the other praying for the renewal of his patent right to an invention of a horizontal wheel for the use of mills.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Sammons, from the committee appointed, on the seventeenth of January last, on the petition of Peter Sternberg, made a report thereon; which was received and read, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to *withdraw* his petition.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for continuing the charter of the Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Rhea presented two memorials of sundry inhabitants of Tennessee, to the like effect with the memorials from sundry inhabitants of the State of Tennessee, presented on the sixth instant; which were referred to the Secretary of State.

An engrossed bill authorizing a loan of money for a sum not exceeding the amount of the principal of the public debt reimbursable during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten, being read the third time,

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and the question being put, that the consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, and the question being put, that the said bill be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Stanford, and the question being put, that the bill do lie on the table,

It was also determined in the negative.

The question was then taken that the said bill do pass,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas .... 77, Nays .... 35.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, junior,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Matthew Clay,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Nathaniel Macon,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton.

Ordered, That the title be, "An act authorizing a loan of money for a sum not exceeding the amount of the principal of the public debt, reimbursable during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, three enrolled bills, entitled as follow :

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for the establishment of a turnpike company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia ;"

"An act to allow the benefit of drawback on merchandise transported by land conveyance from Newport to Boston, and from Boston to Newport, in like manner as if the same were transported coastwise ;" and

"An act for the relief of Moses Young ;" and that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, entitled as follow :

"An act providing for the printing and distributing of such laws of the United States as respect the public lands ;" and

"An act concerning invalid pensioners ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act providing for the better accommodation of the General Post Office and Patent Office, and for other purposes ;" and they have postponed until the first Monday in December next, the bill, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the Circuit Court of the District of Maryland." And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts :

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for the establishment of a turnpike company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia ;"

"An act to allow the benefit of drawback on merchandise transported by land conveyance from Newport to Boston, and from Boston to Newport, in like manner as if the same were transported coastwise ;" and

"An act for the relief of Moses Young."

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments of the Committee of the Whole House to the bill to reduce the Naval Establishment of the United States.

The motion of Mr. Milnor, depending at the time of adjournment yesterday, to postpone indefinitely the farther consideration of the said bill and amendments, was withdrawn by Mr. Milnor.

The first of the said amendments was then concurred in by the House.

The second amendment of the Committee of the Whole House, being to strike out the following paragraph of the bill, was then read :

"It shall be the duty of the said Secretary of the Navy, under the direction aforesaid, to cause to be laid up in ordinary all the frigates of the United States, (three only excepted, which the President shall designate,) with their tackle and apparel, guns and warlike equipments, which shall be retained and preserved. It shall be the further duty of the said Secretary, under the direction aforesaid, to cause to be sold all the other armed vessels of the United States, (three only excepted, which the President of the United States shall designate,) with their tackle and apparel, guns and warlike equipments excepted, which shall be retained and preserved :"

And on the question to concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their said second amendment,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 76, Nays ..... 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,

William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Stanley,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill.

The third amendment was then concurred in by the House.

The fourth amendment being to insert "Washington," after New York," in the third section, so as to make that paragraph of the bill read as follows:

"The several Navy Yards of the United States (those of Boston, New York, *Washington*, and Norfolk, only excepted,) shall be disused, and all the expenditures incident to the same shall cease and determine:"

And the question being taken to concur in the said fourth amendment,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 58, Nays ..... 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,

John Campbell,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jr.
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
William Chamberlin,
Matthew Clay,
James Cochran,
Samuel W. Dana,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Daniel Heister,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Jabez Upham,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill.

The fifth amendment being to strike out the following section of the bill:

"SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, from and after the passing of this act, the marine corps shall consist of two companies only, of ——— men, one captain and three subalterns each: *Provided*, That, to each officer and marine who shall be discharged by virtue of this act, there shall be allowed and paid, in addition to the sum to which they will be entitled at the time of their discharge, ——— months pay."

The question was taken to concur in the said fifth amendment,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 49, Nays ..... 43.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
William Butler,

Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
John Clopton,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Nathaniel A. Haven,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Matthew Lyon,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Erastus Root,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
George Smith,
John Stanley,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jun.
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun,
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Robert Brown,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
Meshack Franklin,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Goldsborough have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Tuesday last, and Mr. Taggart, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Bacon, from the committee to whom is referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject of American manufactures, presented a bill further to alter and amend "An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Saturday next.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee made on the twenty-second instant, on the letter from William Lambert; and the resolution therein contained being again read, was concurred in by the House, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That, for the purpose of collecting the decisions of order which have oc-

curred in the House of Representatives of the United States, and for arranging the same, that William Lambert have, in the recess of Congress, free access to the journals of this House; that he be permitted to take a printed copy to his lodgings, giving receipt therefor; and that he may have the use of any parliamentary forms from the library, giving the usual receipt."

The House proceeded to consider the motion of Mr. Rhea, to adhere to their disagreement to the fourth amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act regulating the Post Office Establishment;" and the question being taken that the House do adhere as aforesaid,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken that the House do recede from their said disagreement,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented a bill confirming the decisions of the commissioners in favor of the claimants of land in the district of Kaskaskia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Bibb presented a representation of the Legislature of the State of Georgia, relative to her claim to a certain tract of country West of the State of South Carolina, ceded to her by the United States in the year one thousand eight hundred and two, which tract of country is claimed by, and in the possession of North Carolina; and soliciting the Government of the United States to appoint some person to run the dividing line between the States aforesaid; which was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of all the petitions and other papers referred to them during the present session, which have not been specially reported on.

On motion of Mr. Milnor, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of making an appropriation, by law, to defray the expenses incurred under the authority of this House, by the committee appointed to inquire into the cause or causes of the great mortality in that detachment of the army of the United States ordered for the defence of New Orleans; and also, by the committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of Brigadier General James Wilkinson; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Milnor, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Kennedy, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his report, made in obedience to the resolution of the twenty-third instant, relative to advances of public money to William Short; which were read, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Weakley presented another memorial from the inhabitants of Tennessee, to the like effect with the memorials from other inhabitants of Tennessee, presented on the sixth instant; which was referred to the Secretary of State.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to reduce the Naval Establishment of the United States.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, and the question being taken, that the said bill do lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, to amend the said bill by inserting, in lieu of the words stricken out in the Committee of the Whole House, viz: from the word "it," in the eleventh line of the first section, inclusive, to the twenty-first line, the following:

"And further, the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to keep in actual service so many of the frigates and other public armed vessels of the United States, as in his judgment the nature of the service may require, and to cause the residue thereof to be laid up in ordinary in convenient ports: *Provided*, That the whole number of officers and seamen shall not exceed that fixed by the act, entitled 'An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act providing for the Naval Peace Establishment, and for other purposes,' passed the twenty-first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and six."

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, to amend the proposed amendment of Mr. Smilie, by adding thereto the following:

"And that the President shall retain in the navy service of the United States nine Captains, thirty-six Lieutenants, and one hundred and fifty Midshipmen, including those employed on board of the frigates and other armed vessels to be kept in service; and that he be authorized to discharge all the other officers in the navy service of the United States; but, such of the aforesaid officers, as shall be retained in the service, shall be entitled to receive no more than half their monthly pay during the time when they shall not be under orders for actual service: *And provided further*, That all the commissioned and warrant officers who shall be discharged as aforesaid, shall be allowed to receive ——— months' pay over and above what may be due to them respectively, at the time of such discharge:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 36, Nays ..... 67.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present;

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Thomas R. Gold,
William Hale,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Vincent Matthews,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,

Uri Tracy,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jr.
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Mr. Smilie then modified his motion so as to make the proviso read as followeth:

"*Provided*, That the whole number of officers to be retained in service shall not exceed that fixed by the act, entitled 'An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act providing for a Naval Peace Establishment, and for other purposes,' passed the twenty-first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, nor the whole number of able seamen, ordinary seamen, and boys."

A motion was then made by Mr. Sheffey, and seconded, to amend the amendment of Mr. Smilie, by striking out the said proviso, and to insert the following section:

"*And be it further enacted*, That the public armed vessels of the United States to be kept in service, shall be officered and manned as the President of the United States shall direct: *Provided*, That the officers shall not exceed the following numbers and grades, that is to say: thirteen Captains, nine Master Commandants, seventy-two Lieutenants, and ——— Midshipmen; but the said officers shall receive no more than half their monthly pay during the time when they shall not be under orders for actual service: *And provided further*, That the whole number of able seamen, ordinary seamen, and boys, shall not exceed fourteen hundred and twenty-five; but the President may appoint, for the vessels in actual service, so many surgeons, surgeons' mates, sailing masters, chaplains, pursers, boatswains, gunners, sailmakers, and carpenters, as may, in his opinion, be necessary and proper."

A motion was made by Mr. Mumford, and seconded, that the said bill, and amendments proposed thereto, be postponed indefinitely:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 42, Nays ..... 57.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
John Dawson,
William Findley,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Walter Jones,
Herman Knickerbacker,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, junior,
Archibald Van Horn,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Samuel W. Dana,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Meshack Franklin,

William Hale,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson.

An adjournment was then called for: On which,
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1810.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:
Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act allowing compensation to Robert Robinson;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed, on the eighteenth instant, on the memorials of Peter C. L'Enfant, presented a bill for the relief of Peter C. L'Enfant; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House this day.

Mr. Dawson also made a detailed report in relation to the claim of Peter Charles L'Enfant; which was received and read.

Mr. Newton, from the committee who were instructed, on the thirteenth ultimo, to inquire into the cause or causes of the great mortality in that detachment of the army of the United States ordered for the defence of New Orleans, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, entitled as follow:

An act providing for the printing and distributing of such laws of the United States as respect the public lands;" and

"An act concerning invalid pensioners;" and that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, entitled as follow:

"An act to establish post roads;" and

"An act providing for the better accommodation of the General Post Office and Patent Office, and for other purposes;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill confirming the decisions in favor of the claimants of land in the District of Kaskaskia was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act confirming the decisions of the Commissioners in favor of the claimants of land in the District of Kaskaskia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, his Secretary:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to the House a report of the Secretary of State, complying with their resolution of the twenty-third instant.

JAMES MADISON.

APRIL 27, 1810.

The order of the day for the House to resume the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday was called for: When it was,

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the said unfinished business do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States, in certain cases."

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time.

The bill was accordingly read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 68, Nays ..... 25.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Hale,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Dawson,
Meshack Franklin,
Jacob Hufty,
Walter Jones,
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Joseph Pearson,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,

John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
John Taylor,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, junior,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Another message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, entitled "An act providing for the sale of certain lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes," with amendments. They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act concerning the Library for the use of both Houses of Congress;" and a bill, entitled "An act to enable the People of the Territory of Orleans to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, and for other purposes;" and they have also passed a resolution providing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to which amendments, bills, and resolution, they desire the concurrence of this House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to erect a light-house at the entrance of Scituate harbor, a stone column on a spit of land at the entrance into Boston harbor, and a beacon on Beach point, near Plymouth harbor, in the State of Massachusetts; a light at the entrance of Bayou St. John, into Lake Pontchartain; and two lights on lake Erie;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto.

And then the several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1810.

Ordered, That Mr. Hale have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from to-day, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Milnor, from the committee appointed on the twenty-sixth instant, made a report; which was read at the Clerk's table, and the resolution therein contained concurred in by the House, as follows:

Resolved, That the several witnesses summoned by the committee appointed to inquire into the cause or causes of the great mortality in that detachment of the army ordered for the defence of New Orleans, and by the committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of Brigadier General James Wilkinson, shall be allowed and paid for every day's attendance on said committees the sum of three dollars, and also at the rate of twelve and a half cents for every mile they shall necessarily travel in coming to the city of Washington and in returning to their usual place of residence; and that the messengers employed to summon any of the said witnesses be allowed and paid the same rate of mileage; and the sums so allowed shall be paid by the Clerk out of the contingent fund of this House, on orders drawn by the chairmen of the respective committees aforesaid: *Provided*, That no witness, who was in the city of Washington at the time of being summoned, shall be entitled to receive any allowance for mileage.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution sent from the Senate, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, was ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the sale of certain lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes;" and the same being read at the Clerk's table, were concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Montgomery be excused from serving on the committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of Brigadier General James Wilkinson.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to enable the People of the Territory of Orleans to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, and for other purposes," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act allowing compensation to Robert Robinson," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act concerning the Library for the use of both Houses of Congress,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to establish post roads;" and another, entitled "An act providing for the better accommodation of the General Post Office and Patent Office, and for other purposes;" and that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act regulating the Post Office Establishment," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have postponed, until the first Monday in December next, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jared Shattuck;" also the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States." They have passed the bill, entitled "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes," with amendments; in which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Edward Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President had approved and signed the following acts:

"An act concerning invalid pensioners;"

"An act to establish post roads;"

"An act providing for the printing and distributing of such laws of the United States as respect the public lands;" and

"An act providing for the better accommodation of the General Post Office and Patent Office, and for other purposes."

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to reduce the Naval Establishment of the United States.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Sheffey, to an amendment proposed by Mr. Smilie, and depending at the time of adjournment on the twenty-sixth instant, being modified by Mr. Sheffey, was adopted by Mr. Smilie as part of his said amendment and is as follows:

"*And be it further enacted*, That the public armed vessels of the United States, to be kept in service, shall be officered and manned as the President of the United States shall direct: *Provided*, That the officers shall not exceed the following numbers and grades, that is to say: ——— captains, ——— master commandants, ——— lieutenants, and ——— midshipmen; but the said officers shall receive no more than half their monthly pay, during the time when they shall not be under orders for actual service: *And provided further*, That the whole number of able seamen, ordinary seamen, and boys, shall not exceed ———. But the President may appoint, for the vessels in actual service, so many surgeons, surgeon's mates, sailing masters, chaplains, pursers, boatswains, gunners, sailmakers, and carpenters, as may, in his opinion, be necessary and proper."

A motion was made by Mr. Bassett, and seconded, to amend the said last recited amendment, by striking out from the word "*provided*," where it first occurs, to the last blank therein, and to insert, "*Provided*, That the whole number of able seamen, ordinary seamen, and boys, shall not exceed ———."

A motion was then made by Mr. Mumford, and seconded, that the said bill and amendments be postponed indefinitely:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 40, / Nays ..... 54.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
John Clopton,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
James Holland,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Matthew Lyon,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,
Uri Tracy,
Charles Turner, jr.
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Kensselaer,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson.

Another motion was made by Mr. Gholson, and the question being taken, that the same do lie on the table,

It was also determined in the negative.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Bassett was then disagreed to.

The question having recurred on the amendment as proposed and modified by Mr. Smilie,

A division of the same was called for by Mr. N. R. Moore, the division to take place after the words "convenient ports;"

And the question being taken on the first member thereof,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 61, Nays ..... 88.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
John Davenport, jr.
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
Jacob Hufty,
Robert Jenkins,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Elisha R. Potter,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
John Clopton,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Barzillai Gannett,
David S. Garland,
Walter Jones,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
John Love,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and the question being taken, to amend the second member of the said amendment, by striking out the word "thirteen," the word "nine," and the words "seventy-two,"

It was determined in the negative.

The second member was then amended by filling the blank before the word "midshipmen," with "one hundred and fifty."

A motion was made by Mr. Bassett, and seconded, to fill the remaining blank with the words "two thousand seven hundred and twenty-three:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 46, Nays ..... 52.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Walter Jones,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Elisha R. Potter,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill.

A motion was made by Mr. Pickman, and seconded, to fill the said remaining blank with the words "two thousand:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 39, / Nays ..... 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
John Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,

William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Benjamin Howard,
Walter Jones,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Thomas Newton,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jr.
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
James Wilson,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
John Davenport, junior,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*
Matthias Richards,
Thomas Sammons,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill.

A motion was then made by Mr. Sheffey, to fill the said blank with fourteen hundred and twenty-five:"

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 53, Nays ..... 40.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Daniel Blaisdell,
William Butler,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,

Benjamin Howard,
Jacob Hufty,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, junior,
Jabez Upham,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
William Crawford,
Samuel W. Dana,
Gideon Gardner,
Daniel Heister,
Walter Jones,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Alexander M'Kim,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Benjamin Pickman, junior,
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
Joon Randolph,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Samuel Shaw,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Jacob Swoope,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

The question was then taken on concurring in the second member of the said recited amendment:

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 57, Nays ..... 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
John Davenport, junior,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
John G. Jackson,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,

Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jr.
Jabez Upham,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Walter Jones,
Joseph Lewis, jun,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Benjamin Pickman, jr.
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was made by Mr. M'Kim, and the question being taken, that the said bill and amendments be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken that the House do concur in both members of the said amendment:

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 49, Nays ..... 45.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
John G. Jackson,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,

Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Whitehill.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Alexander M'Kim,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Benjamin Pickman, jun.
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jun.
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
James Wilson,
Robert Witherspoon.

A motion was made by Mr. Montgomery, and seconded, further to amend the said bill by adding thereto a new section, as follows:

"*And be it further enacted*, That so much of the first section of an act, entitled 'An act to authorize the employment of an additional naval force,' passed the thirty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine, as requires the public armed vessels to be stationed at such ports and places on the sea-coast, or cruize on the sea-coast of the United States and Territories thereof, be, and the same is hereby, revived:"

And the question being taken thereon,
It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

The said bill was then further amended by adding thereto the following section:

"*And be it further enacted*, That, from and after the passing of this act, the Marine Corps shall consist of *four* companies only, of *twenty-two* men, one Captain and three Subalterns each: *Provided*, That to each officer and marine, who shall be discharged by virtue of this act, there shall be allowed and paid, in addition to the sum to which they will be entitled at the time of their discharge, ——— months' pay."

A motion was made by Mr. Bibb, and the question being taken, further to amend the said bill by striking out from the third section thereof, the words, "*those of Boston, New York, and Norfolk*,"

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson, and the question being taken, to amend the bill by inserting the word "Portsmouth," after the word, "Washington,"

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Key, and seconded, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "*of*," in the second line of the fourth section, the words, "*a Lieutenant Colonel:*"

And the question being taken thereon,
It was determined in the negative.
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.
And the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1810.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act providing for the sale of certain

lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes;" and an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States, in certain cases;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of the Treasury on the petition of John B. Sarazin and others, referred on the thirtieth ultimo; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to lay before this House, at the next session of Congress, a general statement of the annual receipts and expenditures of the United States, from the commencement of this Government, to the end of the year one thousand eight hundred and nine, including the sums obtained on loan in Holland, and which have been applied in Europe, and do not appear among the receipts and expenditures of the Treasury; and shewing the several sums respectively paid each year, on account of the principal of the public debt, of the interest on the same, and of each other general branch of expenditure.

Ordered, That Lewis Garanger and Joseph Defort have leave to withdraw their respective petitions.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Postmaster General, in obedience to a resolution of the House of the twenty-fifth instant, exhibiting a substantially correct view of the Post Office Establishment, from the commencement of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, to the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and nine; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Brown presented to the House certain proceedings of the Legislature of the State of Maryland, disapproving of an amendment proposed by the State of Massachusetts to the Constitution of the United States, limiting the duration of any act laying an embargo within the United States.

Mr. Findley, from the Committee of Elections, made the following report, which was read:

"The Committee of Elections having duly examined the returns of election, and the documents accompanying them, of the following members, report that they are sufficient to entitle them to their seats in this House, to wit:

FROM PENNSYLVANIA.

Adam Seybert, to serve in the place of Benjamin Say, resigned.

FROM VIRGINIA.

David S. Garland, to serve in the place of Wilson C. Nicholas, resigned.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

James Holland.

FROM OHIO.

Jeremiah Morrow."

A motion was made by Mr. Pitkin, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House copies of any communications made on the part of the United States, in answer to the official note of the twenty-second of August, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and nine, from the French Minister to General Armstrong; and of any communications that may have been made to our Minister at London, on the part of the British Government, in answer to any note presented by him, in pursuance of instructions given on the twenty-third day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and nine; also, of the answers which may have been given to any propositions or overtures made on the part of the United States to the Governments of Great Britain and France, respecting any of the orders and decrees affecting neutral commerce, and which have not heretofore been communicated, and do not require secresy:

And on the question that the House do agree to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 52, Nays ..... 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
Meshack Franklin,
David S. Garland,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
William Kennedy,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Nathaniel Macon,
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
John Clopton,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Walter Jones,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn,
Robert Witherspoon.

Ordered, That Mr. Pitkin and Mr. M'Bryde be appointed a committee to present the above resolution to the President of the United States.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act concerning the Library for the use of both Houses of Congress,'" was read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 53, Nays ..... 32.

The yeas and yeas being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
Burwell Bassett,
Daniel Blaisdell,
John Brown
William A. Burwell,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Orchard Cook,
William Crawford,
Samuel W. Dana,

John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Richard Jackson, jr.
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Vincent Matthews,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Sage,
Adam Seybert,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
Robert Witherspoon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
William Chamberlin,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
Meshack Franklin,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Roger Nelson,
John Nicholson,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Roane,
Samuel Shaw,
Samuel Smith,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, jr.
Archibald Van Horn,
Richard Winn,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill further to alter and amend "An act providing for the third census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," was read the third time: When,

The same was, by *unanimous* consent, amended at the Clerk's table, and, as amended, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment made by the Committee of the Whole House to the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to erect a light-house at the entrance of Scituate Harbor, a stone column on a spit of land at the entrance into Boston Harbor, and a beacon on Beach Point, near Plymouth Harbor, in the State of Massachusetts; a light at the entrance of Bayou St. John, into Lake Pontchartrain; and two lights on Lake Erie;" and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, was concurred in by the House.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table, and the amendments ordered to be engrossed, and, together with the bill, read the third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act providing for the final adjustment of claims to lands in the territories of Orleans and Louisiana"; and a bill, entitled "An act appropriating a sum of money for procuring clothing for the army and the marine corps, and for other purposes;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. They have rejected the bill from this House, entitled "An act for the relief of Amy Dardin, widow and representative of David Dardin, deceased." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the com-

mittee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act concerning the Library for the use of both Houses of Congress,'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes:" When,

The first and second of the said amendments were concurred in by the House.

Two motions were made by Mr. Key, and the questions being taken to amend the third amendment by striking out the word "*pacific*," before "intercourse," and to insert between the words "of" and "carrying," the words "bringing her within or:"

It was determined in the negative.

The third amendment was then concurred in by the House.

The fourth amendment being then read in the words following:

"Strike out the third and fourth sections, and adopt the following as the fourth section:

"SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized, when he may deem it expedient, to employ the public armed vessels in protecting the commerce of the United States, and issue instructions which shall be conformable to the laws and usages of nations, for the government of the ships which may be employed in that service."

A division of the question on the said fourth amendment was called for by Mr. Bibb: When,

A motion was made by Mr. Van Horn, and seconded, that the said bill and amendments be postponed indefinitely:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 28, Nays ..... 64.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Daniel Heister,
Richard Jackson, junior,
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Jacob Hufty,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,

William Kennedy,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, junior,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill.

The question was then taken on the first member of the said fourth amendment, which proposes to strike out the third section of the bill,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then taken on the second member of the said fourth amendment, which proposes to strike out the fourth section of the bill,

And determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 34, Nays ..... 49.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
William Chamberlin,
James Cochran,
William Ely,
James Emott,
David S. Garland,
Daniel Heister,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Randolph,
Thomas Sammons,
Daniel Sheffey,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Jacob Swoope,
John Taylor,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Jacob Hufty,
John G. Jackson,
Aaron Lyle,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,

Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and the question being taken, that the said bill do lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Gholson, and seconded, to amend the amendments of the Senate, by striking out the third of the said amendments, which proposes to insert a new section as the second section of the bill, for the purpose of inserting another section: When,

Mr. Speaker determined that the said proposed amendment was not in order, as the substitute proposed to be inserted was before a Committee of the Whole House.

From which decision of the chair Mr. Gholson appealed.

And the question being then taken, "Is the decision of the Chair correct?"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Gholson, and the question being taken, to amend the section proposed by the Senate in lieu of the third and fourth stricken out, by striking out from the said section the words "*when he may deem it expedient,*" for the purpose of inserting "forthwith."

It was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken to concur in the said proposed section:

And determined in the negative, { Yeas .... 17, / Nays ..... 70.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Anderson,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
William Chamberlin,
Matthew Clay,
David S. Garland,
Matthew Lyon,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee,*
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
John G. Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Porter,
John Randolph,

John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Charles Turner, junior,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Laban Wheaton.

A motion was then made by Mr. Gholson, and seconded, to amend the amendments by inserting, in lieu of the said section proposed by the Senate, the following :

"*And be it further enacted*, That merchant vessels of the United States, owned wholly by a citizen or citizens thereof, laden wholly with articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the United States, owned wholly by a citizen or citizens thereof, navigated wholly by citizens of the United States ; not having on board implements of war, and bound to any port or place not actually blockaded, with which intercourse shall be prohibited by the decrees or orders of the Governments of Great Britain or France, shall be entitled to protection by convoy.

"*And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby, authorized, on the application of a citizen or citizens of the United States, to employ the public armed vessels of the United States, in convoying and protecting merchant vessels of the United States, owned wholly by a cititizen or citizens thereof ; laden wholly with articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the United States, owned wholly by a citizen or citizens thereof ; navigated wholly by citizens of the United States ; not having on board implements of war, and bound to any port or place not actually invested, with which intercourse shall be prohibited by the decrees or orders of the Governments of Great Britain or France.

"And the President of the United States is hereby authorized to instruct the Commanders of the public armed vessels of the United States to oppose and defend against any search, restraint, or seizure, which shall be attempted upon vessels sailing under convoy, by the commander or crew of any armed vessel, and to repel by force any assault or hostility which may be committed by such armed vessel pursuing such attempt, and to subdue and capture the same.

"*And be it further enacted*, That any armed vessel, which shall be captured in consequence of search, restraint, or seizure, which shall be attempted upon vessels under convoy, shall be considered lawful prize, and may be condemned in any Court of the United States, having competent jurisdiction ; and the proceeds arising from the sale of such prize, shall be distributed in conformity to the provisions of the act for the better government of the navy of the United States.

"*And be it further enacted*, That, after notice of this act at the several Custom Houses, it shall be the duty of the Collectors, and they are hereby required to refuse a clearance to any merchant vessel bound under convoy to any port or place with which intercourse shall be prohibited by the decrees or orders of the Governments of Great Britain or France, unless satisfactory proof shall be exhibited that the cargo of such vessel consists wholly of articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the United States ; that the vessel and cargo are owned wholly by a citizen or citizens thereof ; that the vessel is navigated wholly by citizens of the United States ; and that no part of the cargo consists of implements of war. And it shall be the duty of the Collector to annex to the clearance granted, a certificate stating that the vessel and cargo are owned wholly by a citizen or citizens of the United States ; that the vessel is navigated wholly by citizens of the United States ; that the cargo consists wholly of articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the United States ; and that implements of war constitute no part of the cargo.

"*And be it further enacted*, For the better regulation of the conduct of the Collectors at the several ports, that the terms 'implements of war,' used in this act, shall be considered as including the following articles, and no other, viz : saltpetre, sulphur, pikes, swords, sword belts, knapsacks, saddles, and bridles, cannons, mortars, fire arms, bombs, grenades, bullets, fire locks, flints, matches, and gunpowder.

"*And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to establish suitable instructions in conformity with the provisions of this act, for the regulation of the conduct of the Collectors and Naval Officers at the several ports, and of the Officers of the Navy employed in convoying merchant vessels bound to ports or places with which intercourse shall be prohibited by the decrees or orders of the Governments of Great Britain or France.

"*And be it further enacted*, That, whenever the decrees and orders of the Governments of Great Britain and France, violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States, shall be withdrawn, or so modified as that they shall cease to violate the neutral commerce of the United States, the powers vested in the President of the United States by this act, shall cease and determine. And, in the event of a withdrawal of the decrees and orders of only one of the belligerents, the President of the United States shall continue to employ the public armed vessels in protecting by convoy (in conformity to the provisions of this act) the lawful commerce of the United States against the Power continuing in force its decrees or orders." When,

Mr. Speaker determined that the said proposed amendment was not in order.

The question recurred on the fifth amendment: When,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1810.

A motion was made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following section be submitted to the Legislatures of the several States, which, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the States, shall be valid and binding as a part of the Constitution of the United States:

"No Senator or Representative after having taken his seat, shall, during the time for which he was elected, be eligible to any civil appointment under the authority of the United States, nor shall any person be eligible to any such appointment until the expiration of the Presidential term during which such person shall have been a Senator or Representative."

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Pitkin, from the committee appointed, on the thirtieth ultimo, to present a resolution to the President, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President answered that he would attend to the request of the House.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, viz:

"An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States in certain cases;"

"An act regulating the Post Office Establishment;"

"An act providing for the sale of certain lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes;" and

"An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act concerning the Library for the use of both Houses of Congress."

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to the House a report of the Secretary of State, complying with their resolution of the thirtieth of April.

JAMES MADISON.

MAY 1, 1810.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to erect a light-house at the entrance of Scituate harbor, a stone column on a spit of land at the entrance into Boston harbor, and a beacon on Beach Point, near Plymouth harbor, in the State of Massachusetts; a light at the entrance of Bayou St. John, into Lake Pontchartrain; and two lights on Lake Erie," was read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The title of the said bill was then amended by adding to the end, "and for beacons and buoys near the entrance of Beverly harbor."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a loan of money for a sum not exceeding the amount of the principal of the public debt reim-

bursable during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten." Also, the bill, entitled "An act confirming the decisions of the Commissioners in favor of the claimants of land in the District of Kaskaskia." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Butler, from the committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of Brigadier General James Wilkinson, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made a report on the petition of John M'Intire; which was ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill further to alter and amend "An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act further to alter and amend 'An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the fifth amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes."

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the said bill and amendments be postponed indefinitely:

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 30, Nays ..... 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William W. Bibb,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Emott,
David S. Garland,
Daniel Heister,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Daniel Sheffey,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Archibald Van Horn,
Laban Wheaton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
John Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Jacob Hufty,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,

Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jun.

Another motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and the question being taken, that the bill and amenments do lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, and the question being taken, that the bill and amendments be postponed indefinitely,

It was also determined in the negative.

The questions were then taken on concurring in the fifth and sixth of the said amendments,

And determined in the negative.

Ordered, That a conference on the subject-matter of the said amendments be requested of the Senate; and that Mr. Bassett, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Bacon, be appointed managers at the conference, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Love,

Ordered, That that there be a call of the House at six o'clock, P. M.

Ordered, That the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of Public Ministers, and of Consuls residing on the Coast of Barbary, and for other purposes," be read the third time this day.

Ordered, That, when the House adjourns, it will adjourn for one hour.

And the House adjourned for one hour.

Six o'clock, P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment: When,

The Clerk according to order, proceeded to a call of the House. The following members answered to their names:

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
John G. Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
William Kennedy,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,

John Smilie,
George Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

All farther proceedings relating to the said call were dispensed with.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act fixing the compensation of Public Ministers, and of Consuls residing on the Coast of Barbary, and for other purposes," was read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the resolution from the Senate proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said resolution under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said resolution was then read the third time, and is in the words following, to wit:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following section be submitted to the Legislatures of the several States, which, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the States, shall be valid and binding as a part of the Constitution of the United States:

"If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive, or retain, any title of nobility or honor, or shall, without the consent of Congress, accept or retain any present, pension, office, or emolument, of any kind whatever, from any person, King, Prince, or foreign Power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or either of them."

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 87, Nays .... 3.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel Blaisdell,
Adam Boyd,
James Breckenridge,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
William Chamberlin,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
James Cochran,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Emott,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Daniel Heister,
Jacob Hufty,
John G. Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Aaron Lyle,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Archibald M'Bryde,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,

Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Moseley,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
John Porter,
Elisha R. Potter,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania,*
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Daniel Sheffey,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jun.
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Pleasant M. Miller,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee,*
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making further appropriations for completing the Capitol, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made amendments thereto; which were read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-night.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the conference asked by this House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes." They have passed the bill, entitled "An act further to alter and amend 'An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States;" and have concurred in the amendments of this House to the bill, entitled "An act to erect a light-house at the entrance of Scituate harbor, a stone column on a spit of land, at the entrance into Boston harbor, and a beacon on Beach Point, near Plymouth harbor, in the State of Massachusetts; a light at the entrance of Bayou St. John, into Lake Pontchartrain; and two lights on Lake Erie." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Alston, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to advances of public moneys to William Short, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bassett, from the committee of conference, on the part of this House, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes," made a report; which was read.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from that part of their fourth amendment to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes," which proposes to insert a new section as the fourth section of the bill; and they adhere to all their other amendments to the said bill. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Margaret Lapsley, Grove Pomeroy, Arthur St. Clair, David Blackwell, Lucy Dixon, and John Murray," with amendments; also, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William W. Weymouth, and Joseph P. Weeks." They have rejected the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of Phineas Varney from his imprisonment." And then he withdrew.

The House again proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes."

A motion was made by Mr. Lyon, and seconded, that the said bill and amendments be postponed indefinitely :

And the question being taken thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ... . 27, / Nays ..... 64.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Daniel Blaisdell,
James Breckenridge,
John Campbell,
William Chamberlin,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Samuel W. Dana,
William Ely,
James Emott,
Richard Jackson, jun.
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Archibald M'Bryde,
William Milnor,
Joseph Pearson,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Elisha R. Potter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Daniel Sheffey,
John Stanley,
Jacob Swoope,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Laban Wheaton,
James Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Anderson,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
John Brown,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
James Cochran,
Orchard Cook,
James Cox,
William Crawford,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barzillai Gannett,
Gideon Gardner,
David S. Garland,
Thomas Gholson,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Jacob Hufty,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
William Kennedy,
John Love,
Aaron Lyle,
Robert Marion,
Samuel M'Kee,
Alexander M'Kim,
Pleasant M. Miller,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Nicholson,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Roane,
Ebenezer Sage,
Thomas Sammons,
Adam Seybert,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
George Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Charles Turner, jun.
Robert Weakley,
Robert Whitehill.

The House then receded from their disagreement to that part of the fourth amendment of the Senate which proposed to strike out the fourth section of the original bill, and also receded from their disagreement to the fifth and sixth of the said amendments.

And so the said bill passed the two Houses.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of P. C. L'Enfant ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-night.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him of the proposed recess of Congress. And then he withdrew.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act allowing compensation to Robert Robinson;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Margaret Lapsley, Grove Pomeroy, Arthur St. Clair, David Blackwell, Lucy Dixon, and John Murray;" and the same being read at the Clerk's table, were concurred in by the House.

The amendment to the title being to strike out "Margaret Lapsley, Grove Pomeroy, David Blackwell, Lucy Dixon, and John Murray," was also concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill for the relief of P. C. L'Enfant was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of P. C. L'Enfant."

An engrossed bill making appropriations for completing the Capitol, and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the same do pass, and that the title be, "An act making further appropriations for completing the Capitol, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bills to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and agreed to the same.

The said amendments were then read at the Clerk's table, and concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of P. C. L'Enfant;" and the bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for completing the Capitol, and for other purposes." They have postponed, until the first Monday in December next, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Minor."

Mr. Roane, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined several enrolled bills, entitled as follow:

"An act authorizing a loan of money for a sum not exceeding the amount of the principal of the public debt reimbursable during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten;"

"An act confirming the decisions of the commissioners in favor of the claimants of land in the district of Kaskaskia;"

"An act further to alter and amend 'An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States;"

"An act fixing the compensation of public Ministers, and of Consuls residing on the coast of Barbary, and for other purposes;"

"An act to erect a lighthouse at the entrance of Scituate harbor, a stone column on a spit of land at the entrance of Boston harbor, and a beacon on Beach Point, near Plymouth harbor, in the State of Massachusetts; a light at the entrance of Bayou St. John into Lake Pontchartrain; and two lights on Lake Erie; and for beacons and buoys near the entrance of Beverly harbor;"

"An act for the relief of William W. Weymouth and Joseph P. Weeks;"

"An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes;"

"An act making further appropriations for completing the Capitol, and for other purposes;"

"An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties;"
"An act for the relief of Arthur St. Clair;"
"An act for the relief of P. C. L'Enfant;" and
"An act allowing compensation to Robert Robinson;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: When,

Mr. Speaker signed the said bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution from the Senate to appoint a joint committee to wait on the President, and acquaint him of the proposed recess of Congress; and the same being read at the Clerk's table, was concurred in by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Crawford and Mr. Roane be the committee on the part of this House.

Mr. Crawford, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had presented to the President of the United States, for his approbation, several enrolled bills, entitled as follow:

"An act authorizing a loan of money for a sum not exceeding the amount of the principal of the public debt reimbursable during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten;"
"An act confirming the decisions of the commissioners in favor of the claimants of land in the district of Kaskaskia;"
"An act further to alter and amend 'An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States;"
"An act fixing the compensation of public Ministers, and of Consuls residing on the coast of Barbary, and for other purposes;"
"An act to erect a lighthouse at the entrance of Scituate harbor, a stone column on a spit of land at the entrance into Boston harbor, and a beacon onBeach Point, near Plymouth harbor, in the State of Massachusetts; a light at the entrance of Bayou St. John into Lake Pontchartrain; and two lights on Lake Erie; and for beacons and buoys near the entrance of Beverly harbor;"
"An act for the relief of William W. Weymouth and Joseph P. Weeks;"
"An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes;"
"An act making further appropriations for completing the Capitol, and for other purposes;"
"An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties;"
"An act for the relief of Arthur St. Clair;"
"An act for the relief of P. C. L'Enfant;" and
"An act allowing compensation to Robert Robinson."

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be authorized to pay, out of the contingent fund of the House, to Thomas Claxton, junior, and James Claxton, the sum of one hundred dollars each, for their services during the present session.

On motion of Mr. Findley,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be directed to pay out of the contingent fund of the House, to John Philips, Elextius Spalding, John B. Boarman, Richard Stewart, Thomas White, and George Cooper, the sum of fifty dollars each, in addition to their usual compensation.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary, notifying that the President of the United States had approved and signed the following acts:

"An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States, in certain cases;"
"An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act concerning the Library for the use of both Houses of Congress;"
"An act allowing compensation to Robert Robinson;"
"An act fixing the compensation of public Ministers, and of Consuls residing on the coast of Barbary, and for other purposes;" and
"An act to erect a lighthouse at the entrance of Scituate harbor, a stone column on a spit of land at the entrance of Boston harbor, and a beacon on Beach Point, near Plymouth harbor, in the State of Massachusetts; a light at the entrance of Bayou St. John into Lake Pontchartrain; and two lights on Lake Erie; and for beacons and buoys near the entrance of Beverly harbor."

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President had approved and signed the following acts:

"An act regulating the Post Office Establishment;"
"An act providing for the sale of certain lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes;"

"An act authorizing a loan of money for a sum not exceeding the amount of the principal of the public debt reimbursable during the year one thousand eight hundred and ten ;"

"An act confirming the decisions of the commissioners in favor of the claimants of land in the district of Kaskaskia ;"

"An act further to alter and amend 'An act providing for the third census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States ;"

"An act for the relief of William W. Weymouth and Joseph P. Weeks ;"

"An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes ;"

"An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties ;"

"An act for the relief of P. C. L'Enfant ;"

"An act for the relief of Arthur St. Clair ;" and

"An act making further appropriations for completing the Capitol, and for other purposes."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate having completed the legislative business before them are ready to adjourn. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Crawford, from the joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him of the proposed recess of Congress, reported that the committee had performed that service, and that the President informed them that he had no further communication to make to Congress during the present session.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that this House are now ready to adjourn ; and that the Clerk do go with the said message.

The Clerk accordingly went with the said message ; and, being returned,

The Speaker adjourned the House until the first Monday in December next.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

BEGUN and held at the City of Washington, in the Territory of Columbia, on Monday the third of December one thousand eight hundred and ten, being the third Session of the Eleventh Congress held under the Constitution of Government of the United States:

On which day, being the day appointed by the Constitution for the meeting of Congress, the following members of the House of Representatives appeared, and took thei seat s, to wit:

From New Hampshire,	James Wilson.
From Massachusetts,	Ezekiel Bacon, William Ely, Joseph B. Varnum, *Speaker*.
From Vermont,	Samuel Shaw.
From Connecticut,	Epaphroditus Champion, John Davenport, jr. Jonathan O. Moseley, Timothy Pitkin, jun. Benjamin Tallmadge.
From New York,	James Emott, Jonathan Fisk, Robert Le Roy Livingston, Erastus Root, Thomas Sammons, John Thompson, Uri Tracy, Killian K. Van Rensselaer.
From New Jersey,	Adam Boyd, Jacob Hufty, Henry Southard.
From Pennsylvania.	William Anderson, David Bard, Robert Brown, William Crawford, William Findley, Daniel Heister, Aaron Lyle, William Milnor, John Rea, Matthias Richards, Adam Seybert, John Smilie, George Smith, Samuel Smith, Robert Whitehill.